

ULTIMATE

SPIDER-MAN

ISSUE
10
THE WORST THING



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**BENDIS
BAGLEY
THIBERT**

OKAY, SO IT TOOK ME, LIKE, FOREVER,
BUT I FINALLY FIGURED OUT WHAT THIS
TINGLING IN THE BACK OF MY NECK IS.

I'VE BEEN GETTING THE TINGLING OFF AND
ON SINCE I GOT BITTEN BY THAT SPIDER
THAT TURNED ME INTO THE CUTEST
SUPER HERO IN THE TRI-STATE AREA.

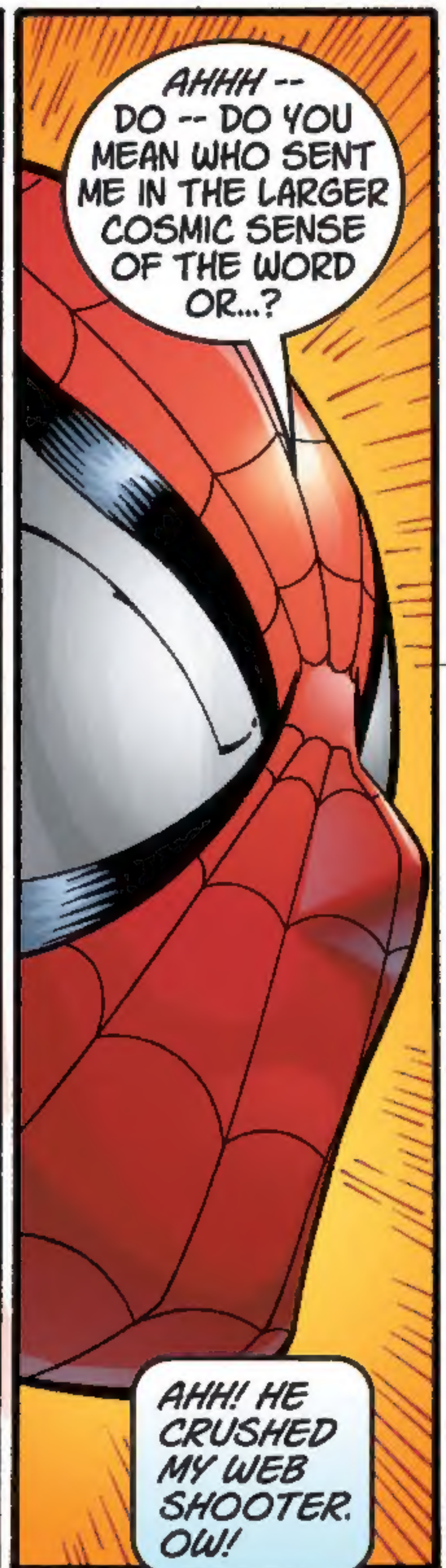
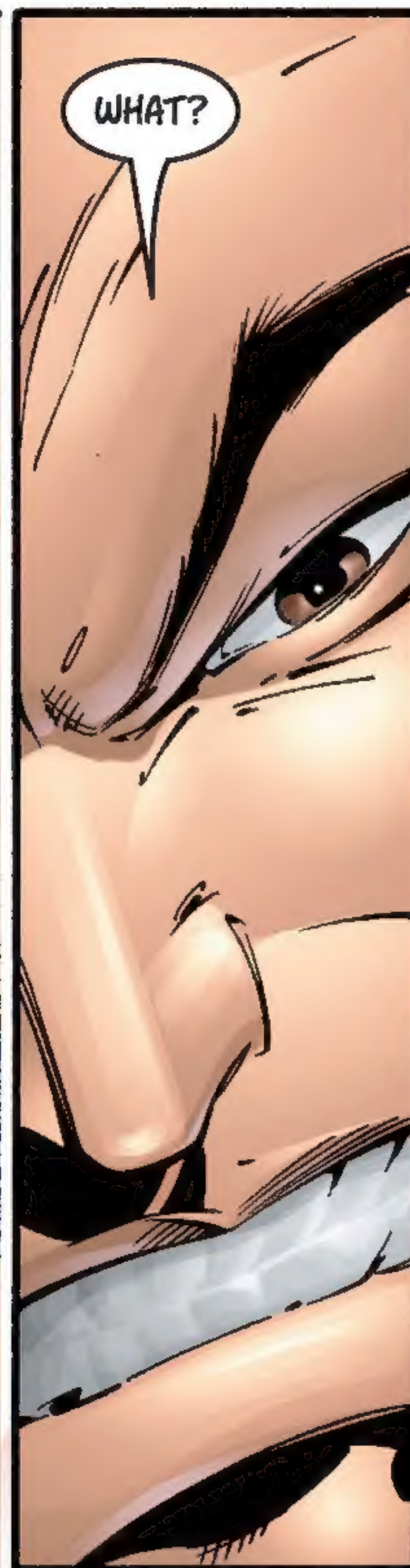
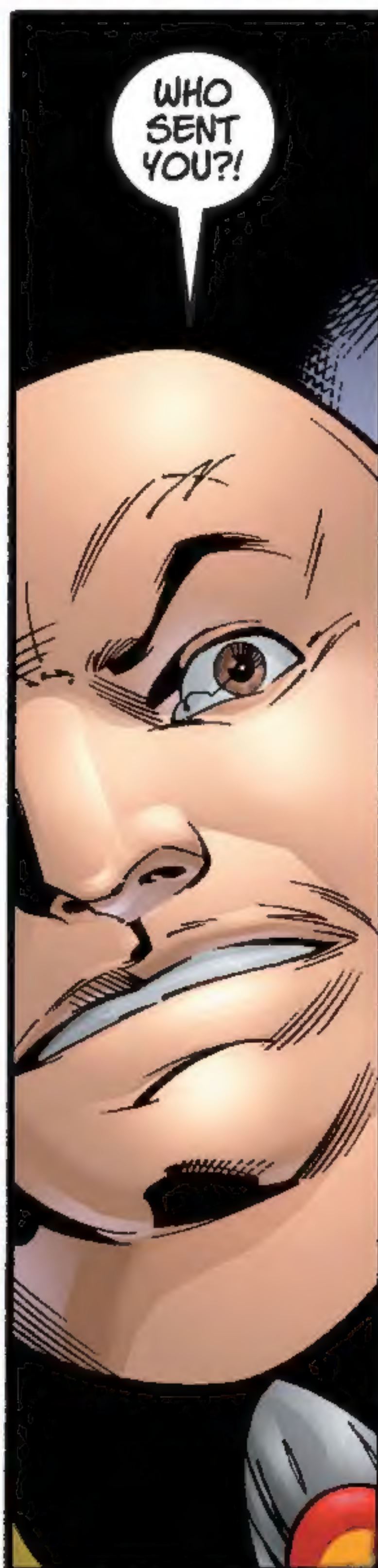
BUT I WASN'T PUTTING TWO
AND TWO TOGETHER UNTIL NOW.

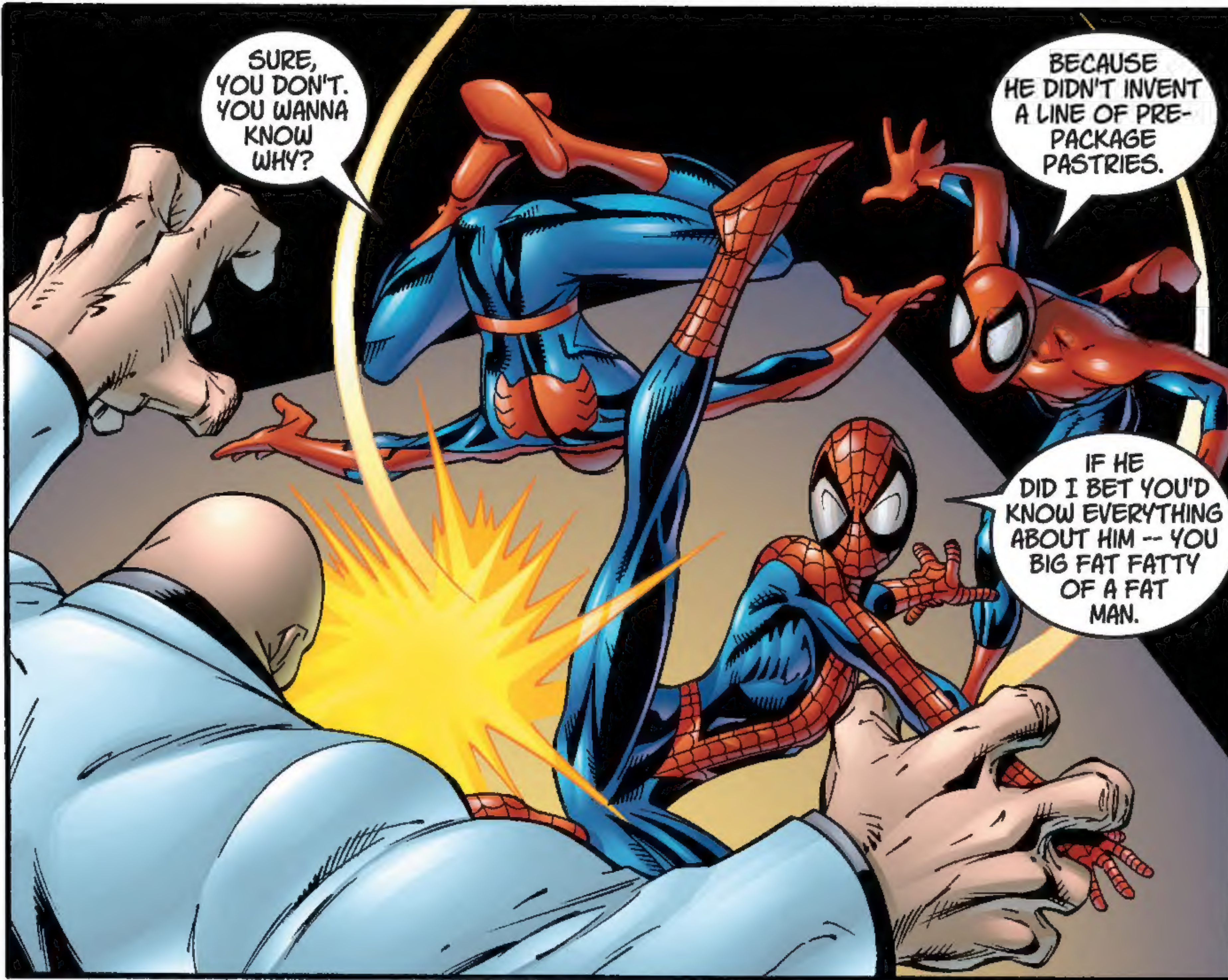
SO, MENTAL NOTE:
THE TINGLE MEANS
SOMETHING BAD IS
ABOUT TO HAPPEN.

THE TINGLE MEANS
I AM IN TROUBLE.

AND, OF COURSE,
THE TINGLE IS
HAPPENING...
RIGHT... NOW.

CAN
I HELP
YOU?





SURE,
YOU DON'T.
YOU WANNA
KNOW
WHY?

BECAUSE
HE DIDN'T INVENT
A LINE OF PRE-
PACKAGE
PASTRIES.

IF HE
DID I BET YOU'D
KNOW EVERYTHING
ABOUT HIM -- YOU
BIG FAT FATTY
OF A FAT
MAN.



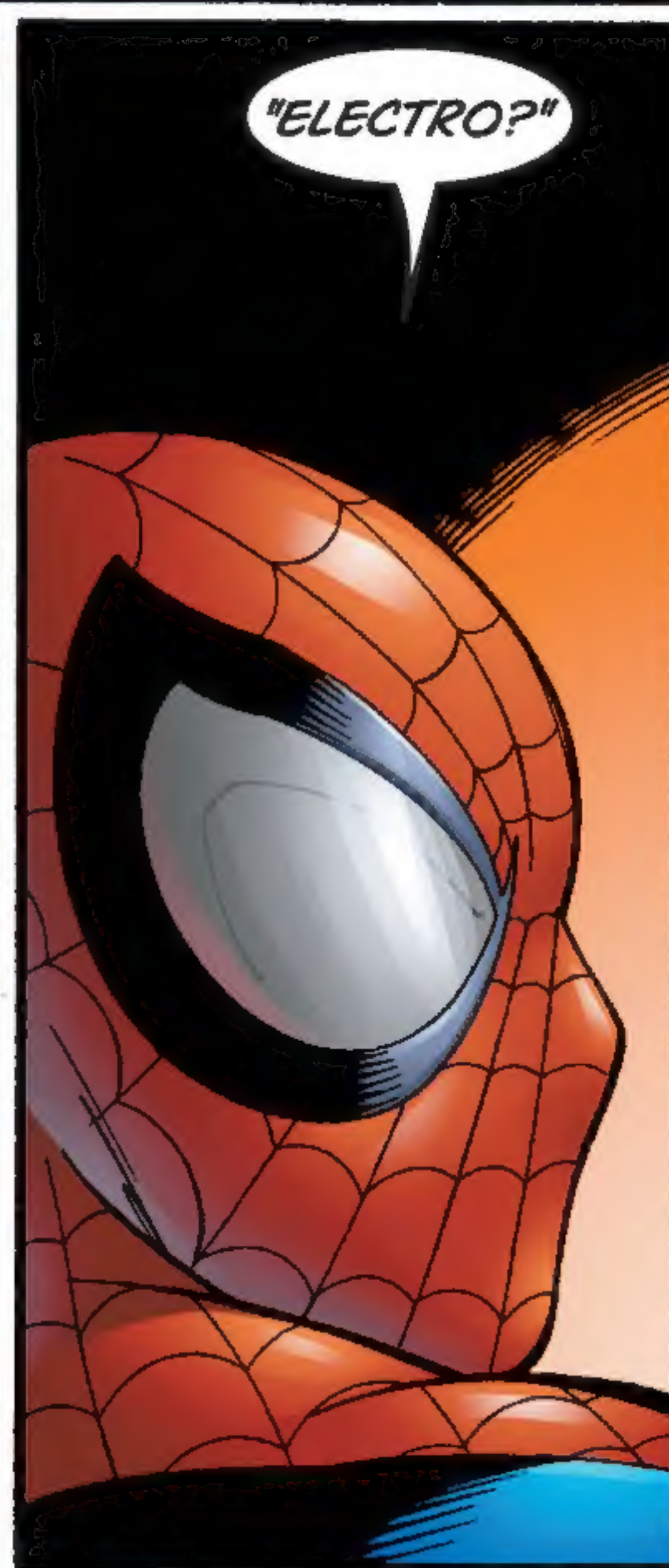
ELEKTRA,
TAKE CARE OF
THIS. I HAVE
GUESTS.



ELECTRO.
"TRO."

BOSS --
I TOLD YOU -- I
WANNA BE CALLED
ELECTRO.

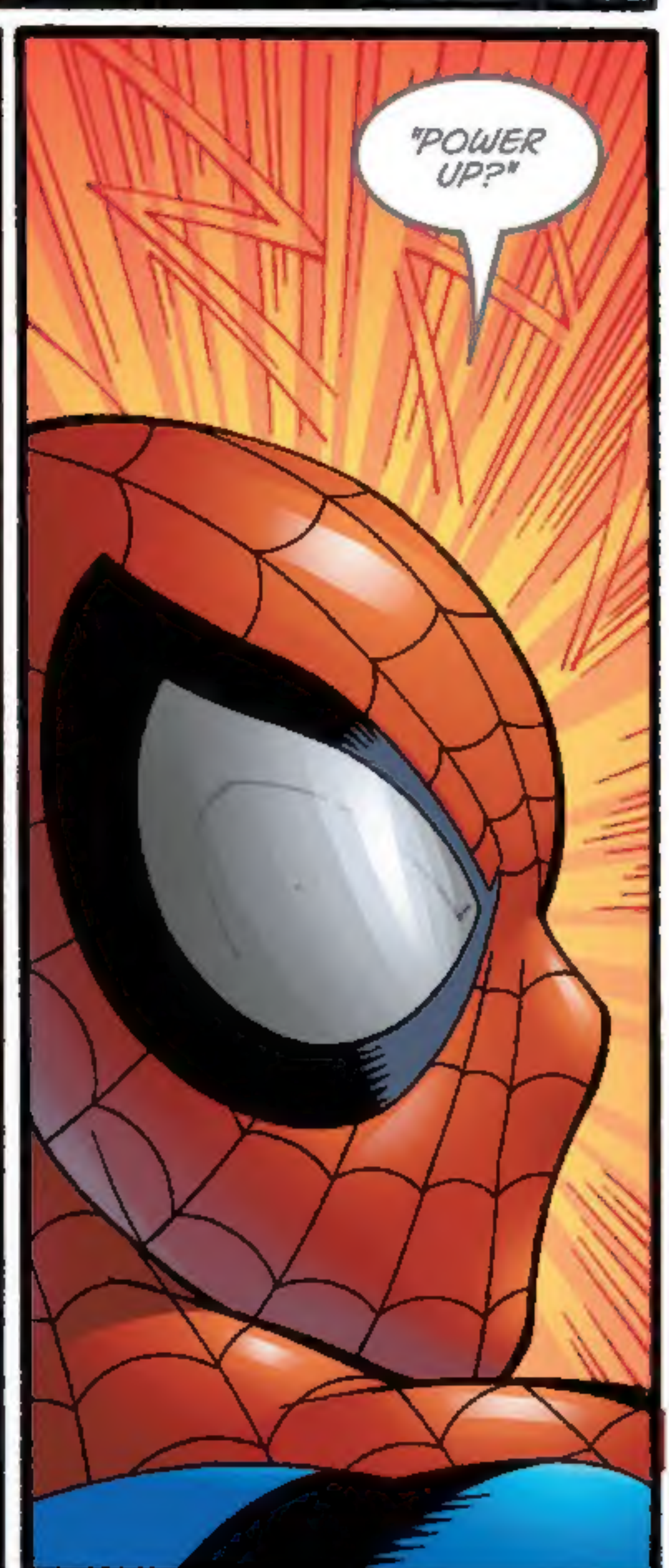
AS IN TO
ELECTROCUTE
THIS IDIOT.



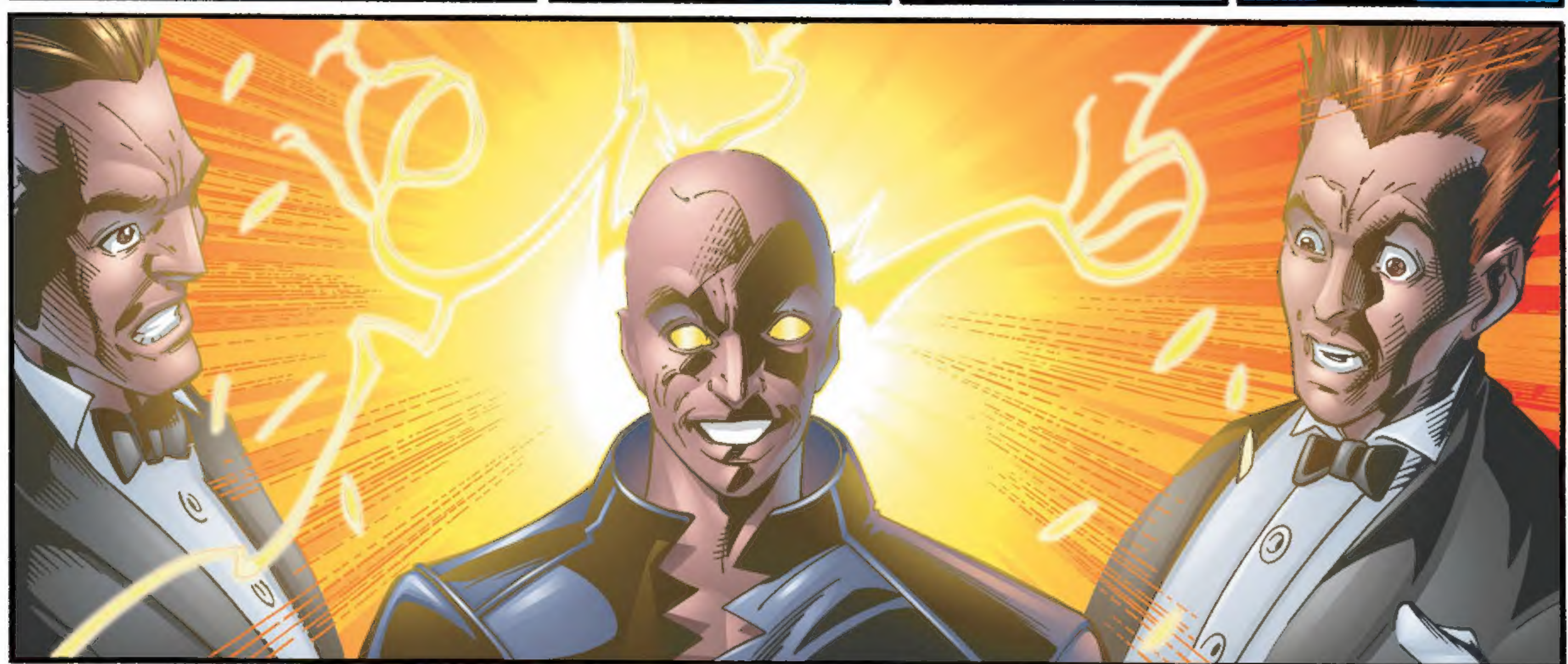
"ELECTRO?"



PLEASE --
JUST POWER
UP AND END
THIS.



"POWER
UP?"





KRAPOOM



JEEZ!

LISTEN,
NO OFFENSE,
MY DOCTOR
SAID TO STAY
AWAY FROM
FRIED...

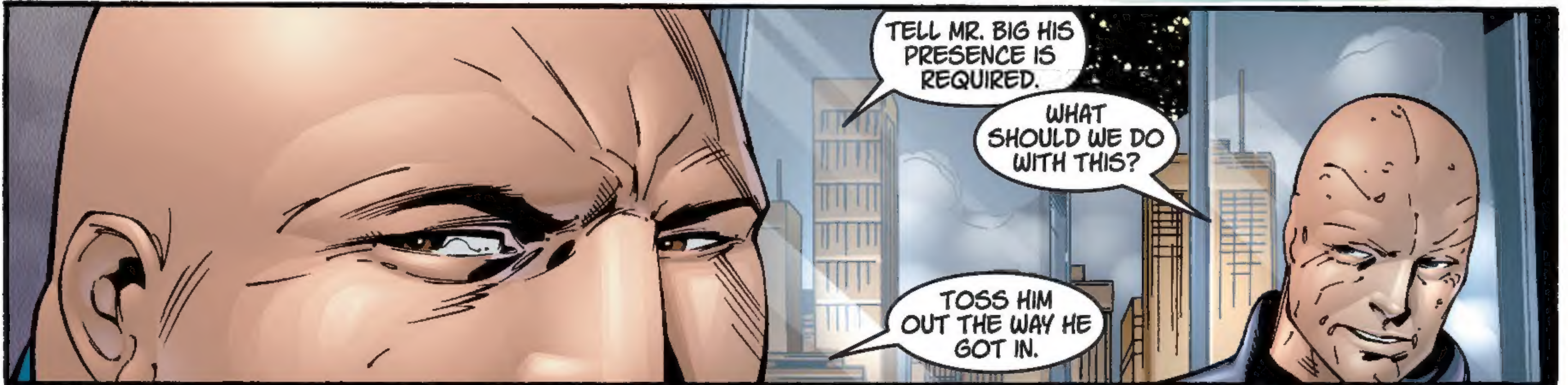
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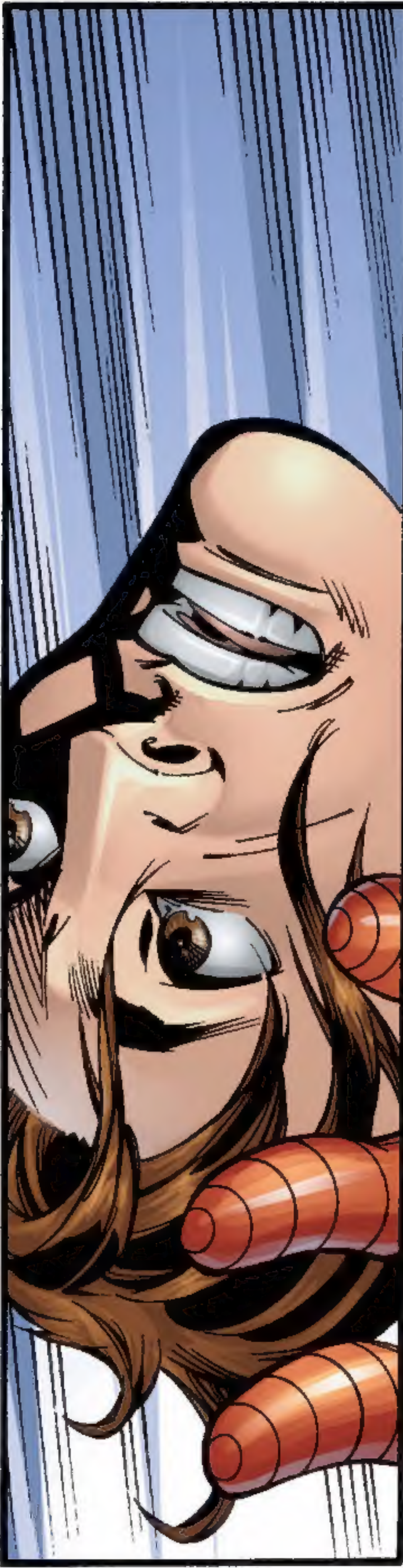
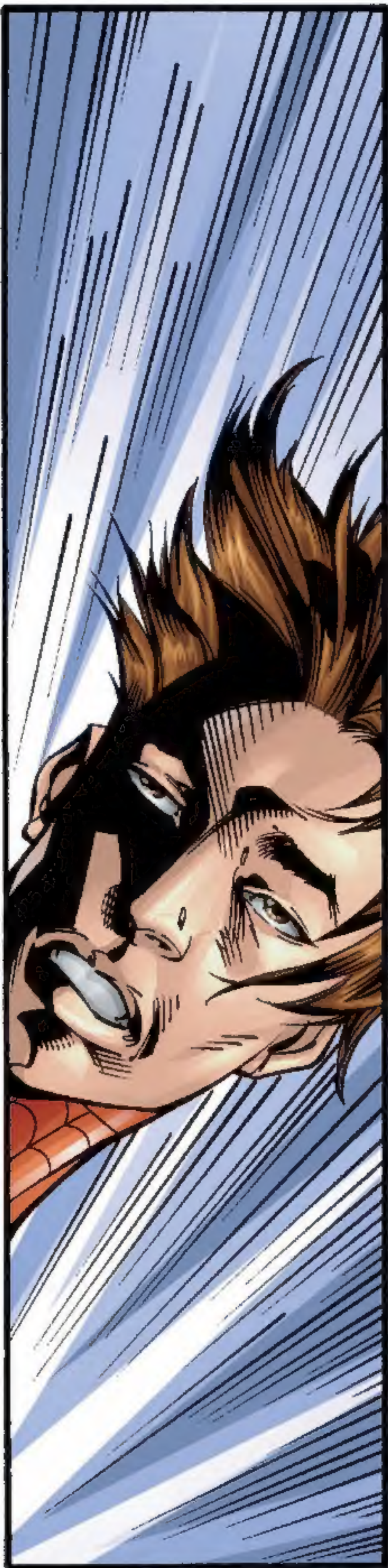


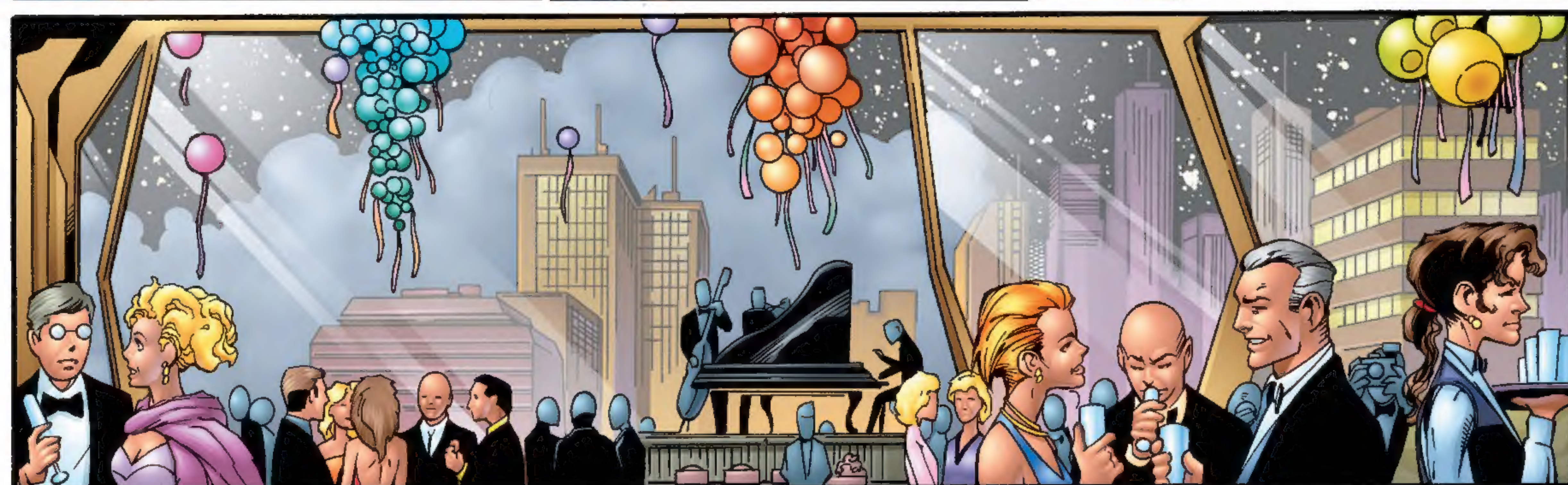
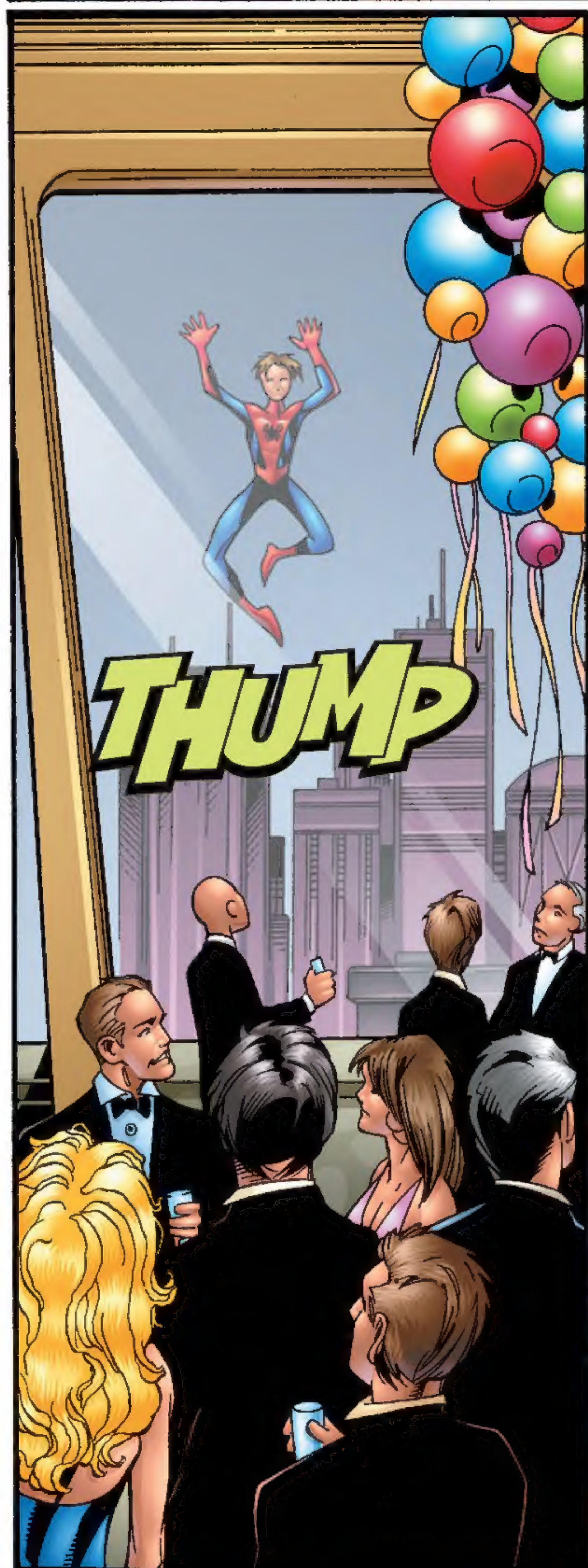
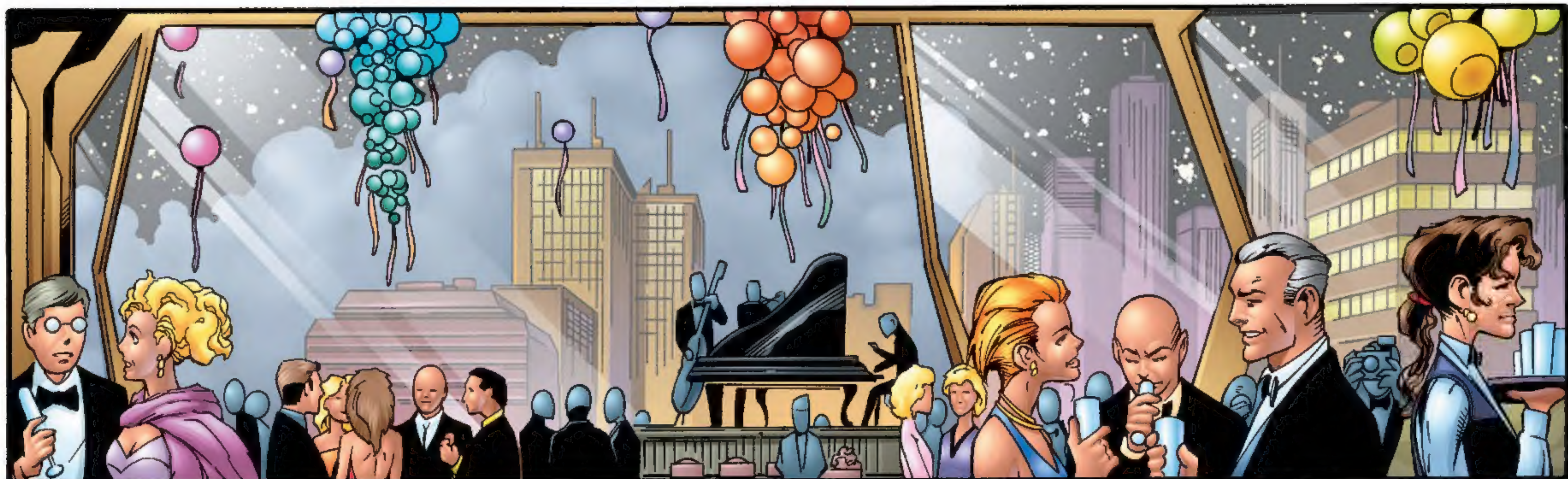
HEY!
LEAST YOU
COULD DO IS
LET ME FINISH MY
STUPID JOKE
BEFORE YOU
KILL ME!

ELECTRO --
CAN WE
PLEASE -- ?
THIS IS MY
OFFICE.









DEAR PETER PARKER --

YOU STINK.

SINCERELY,
PETER PARKER.

LET'S RECAP, SHALL WE?

THEY SPANKED YOU,
ELECTROCUTED YOU,
BROKE YOUR WEB
SHOOTER, YANKED
OFF YOUR MASK, AND
TOSSED YOU OUT
THE WINDOW OF A
SKYSCRAPER.

AND I WAS ONLY IN
THERE FOR THIRTY
SECONDS. GOD!

I WAS ELECTROCUTED
AND THROWN OFF A
SKYSCRAPER!

OH MY GOD -- I'M
SUCH AN IDIOT!

I HAD NO BUSINESS
GOING IN THERE. NONE.

I HAD NO IDEA WHO I WAS
UP AGAINST. I HAD NO IDEA
WHAT THEY COULD DO.

AND YOU'D THINK I WOULD
HAVE LEARNED AFTER THOSE
ENFORCER GUYS THE OTHER
DAY, BUT NO.

NO, I JUST CRAWL
RIGHT UP THERE
AND DO IT AGAIN.

MAN, THEY TOOK MY MASK.
THAT'S GOT TO BE THE
WORST THING THAT COULD
HAPPEN TO A SUPER HERO.

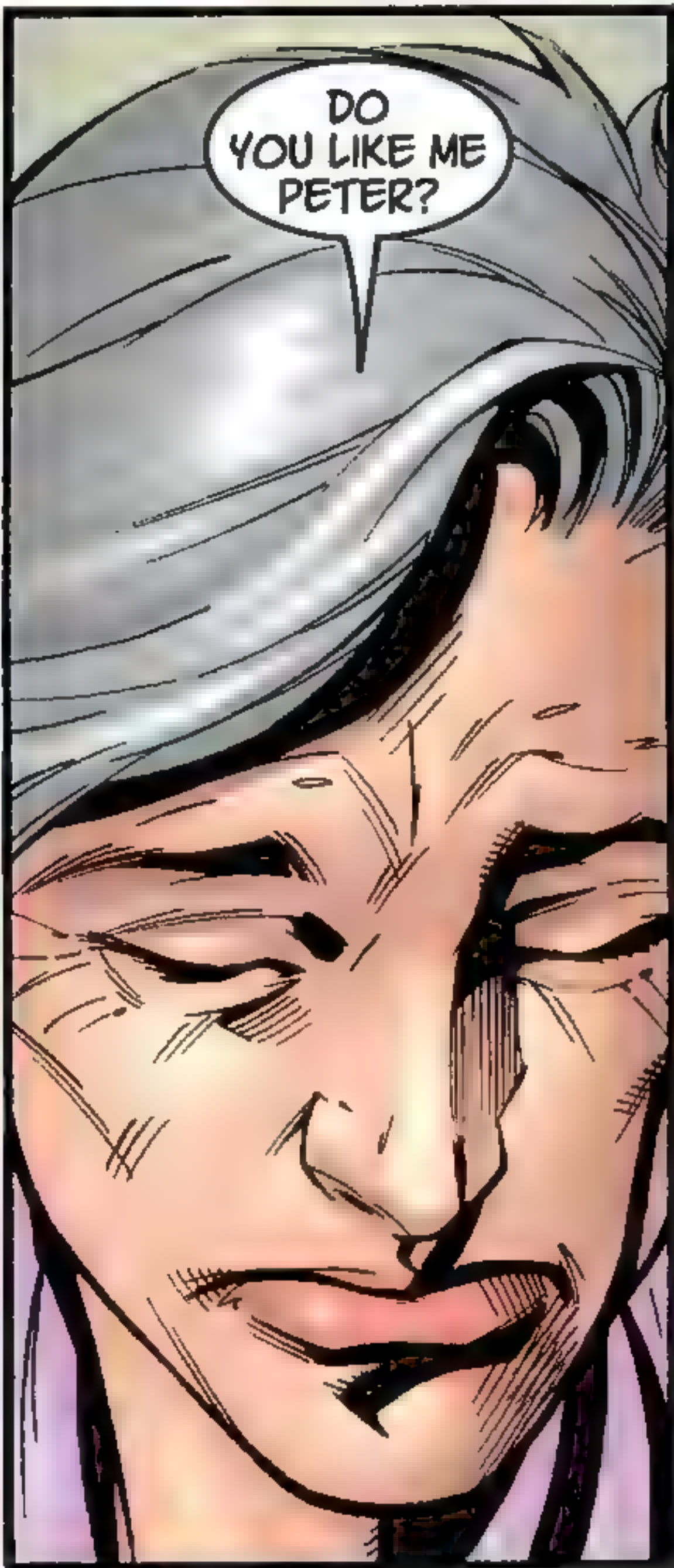
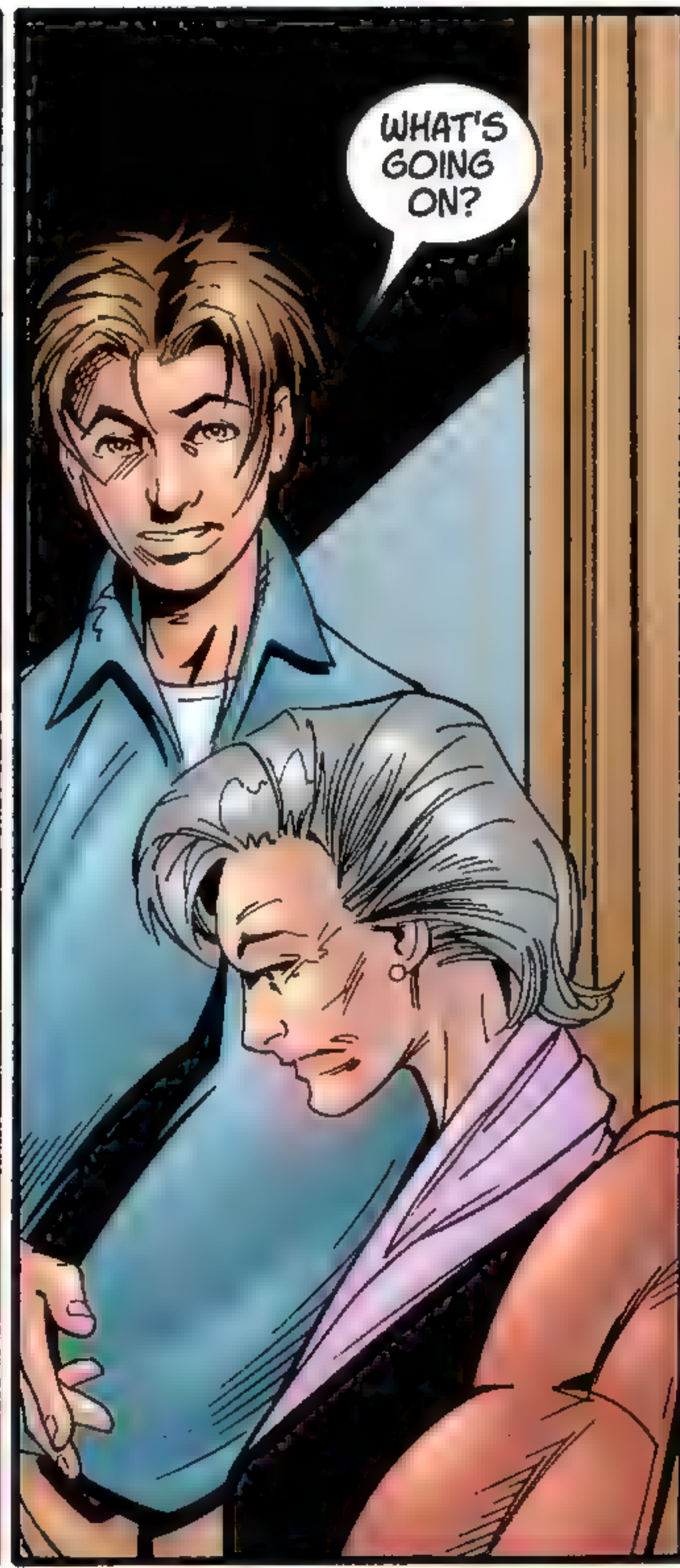
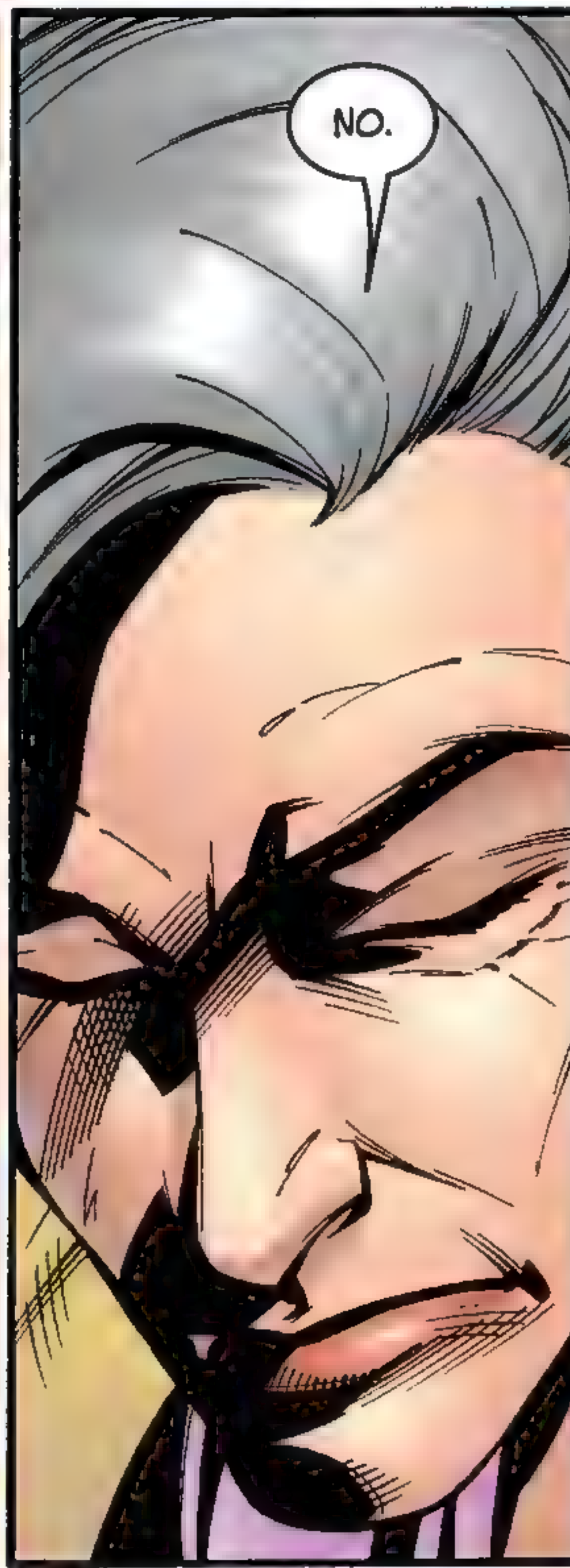
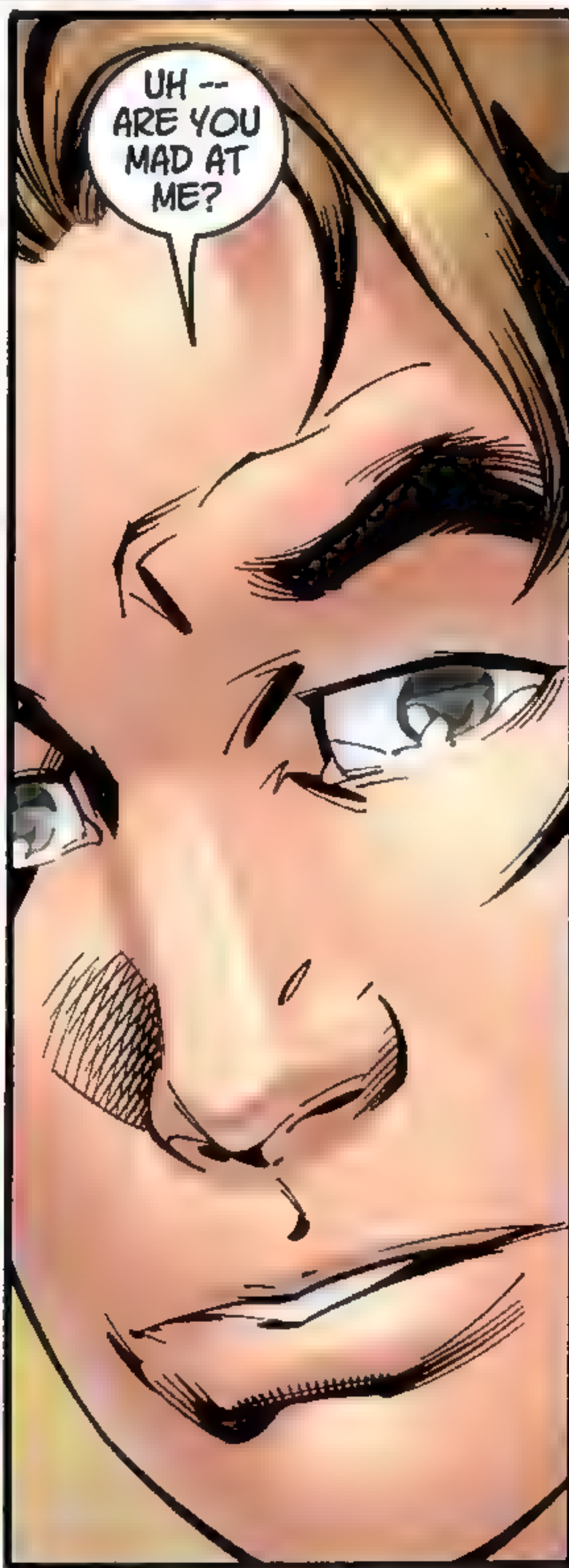
MY WHOLE BODY IS
SORE. AT LEAST THERE'S
NO SCHOOL TOMORROW.

HOW MUCH JUICE DID THAT
BALD FREAK HIT ME WITH?

AND DID MY POWERS SAVE ME FROM BEING ELECTROCUTED
OR IS IT NOT AS BIG A VOLTAGE AS IT LOOKED LIKE?

VOLTAGE?! GOD, SOMEONE TRIED TO
ELECTROCUTE ME! A GUY WITH ELECTRIC POWERS?!
WHERE DO YOU GET ELECTRIC POWERS?!

AHHH! I'M SO MAD AT MYSELF I COULD SCREAM.





NOT AS AN
AUNT OR AS A
PERSON WHO
IS RELATED
TO YOU...

JUST AS
A PERSON.

DO
YOU LIKE ME
AS A
PERSON?



YEAH, OF
COURSE.



WELL,
YOU'RE NEVER
HERE.

YOU
OBVIOUSLY
HAVE OTHER
PLACES YOU'D
RATHER
BE.

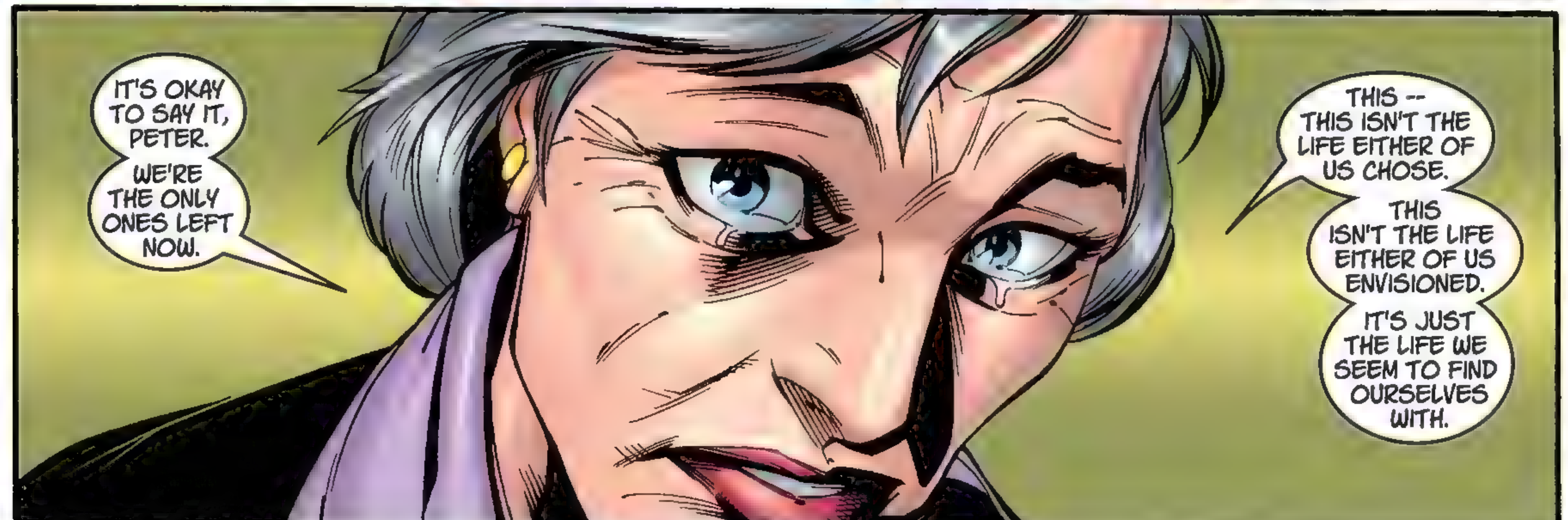
OTHER
THINGS TO
PREOCCUPY
YOURSELF
WITH.



YEAH --
BUT WE'RE
BOTH BUSY, RIGHT?
YOU HAVE TO WORK
AND THE -- I JUST
THOUGHT...

I MEAN,
I KNOW LIFE SORT
OF THREW US
TOGETHER IN THIS
HOUSE.

WHAT?



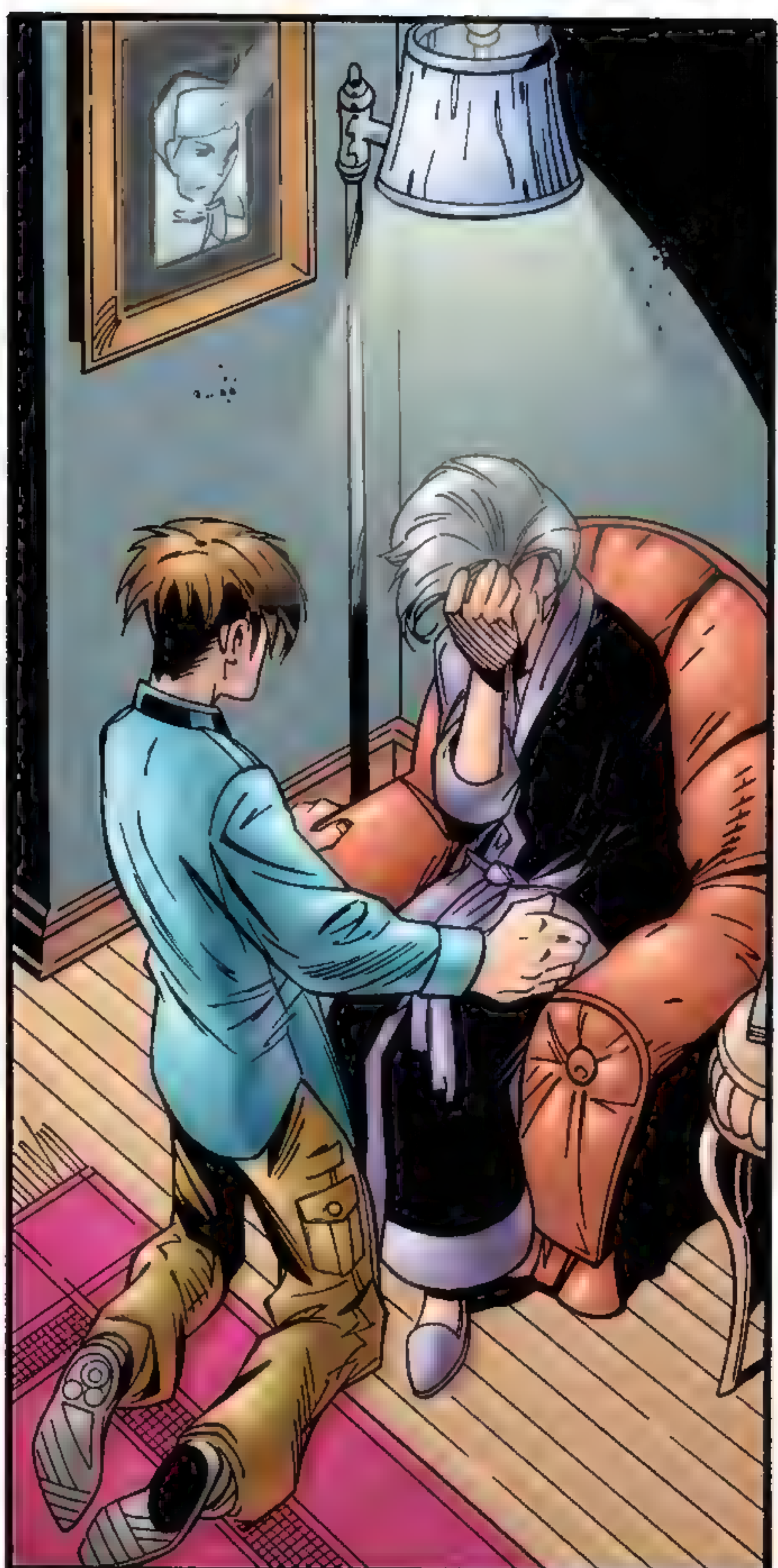
IT'S OKAY
TO SAY IT,
PETER.

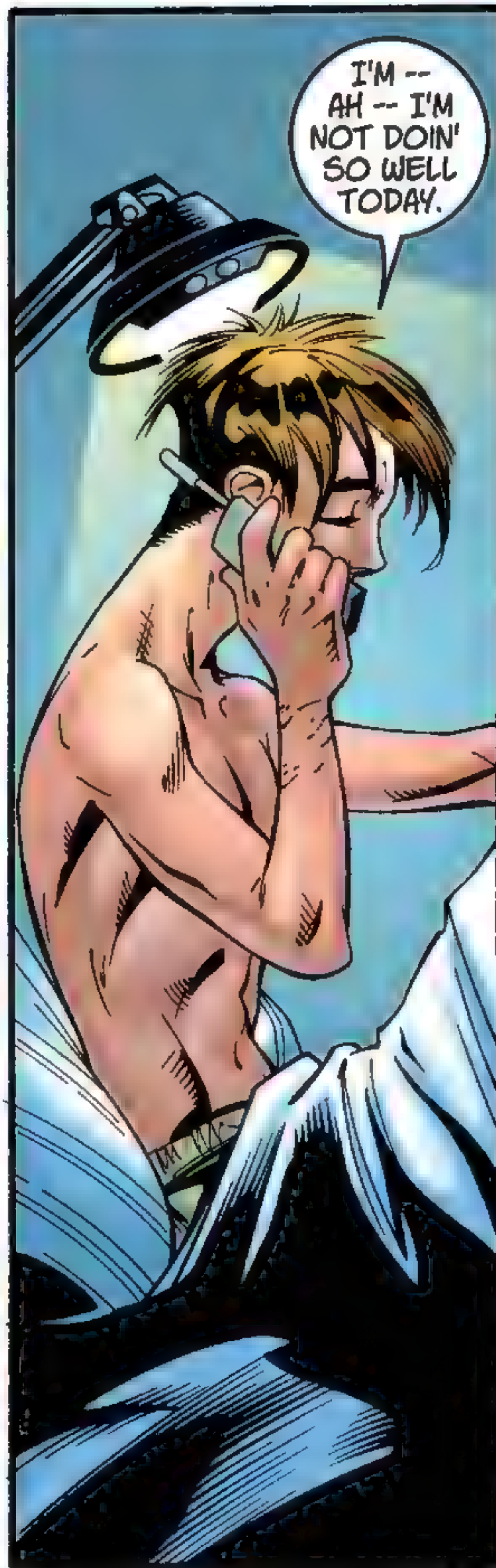
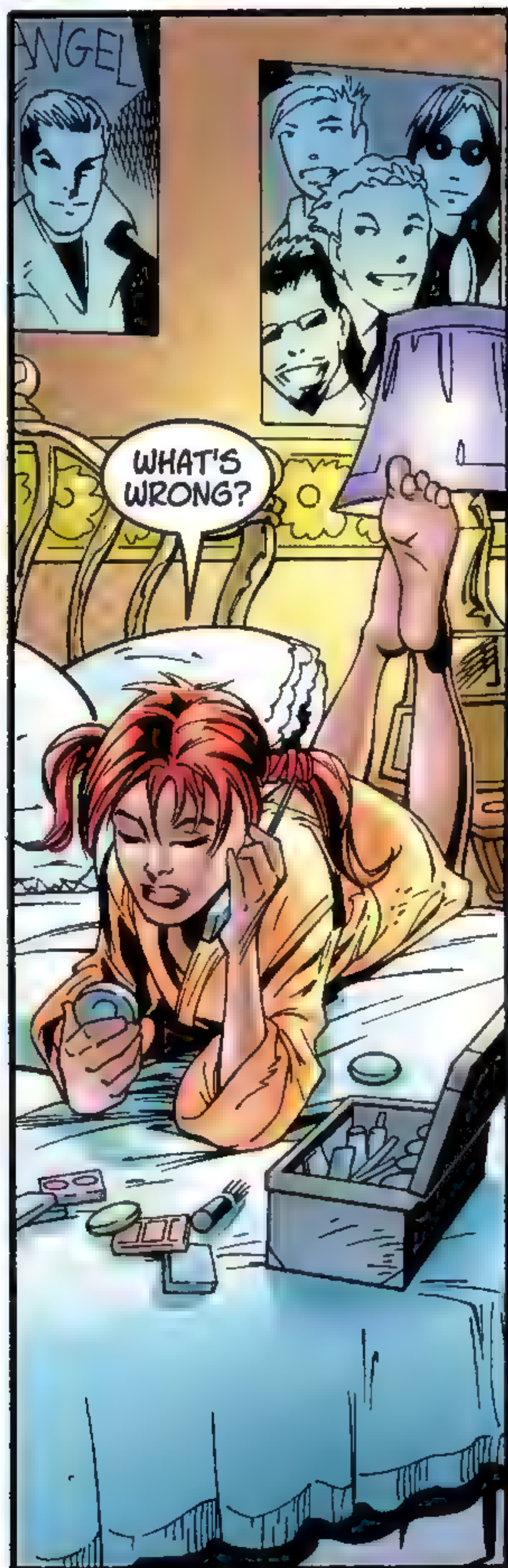
WE'RE
THE ONLY
ONES LEFT
NOW.

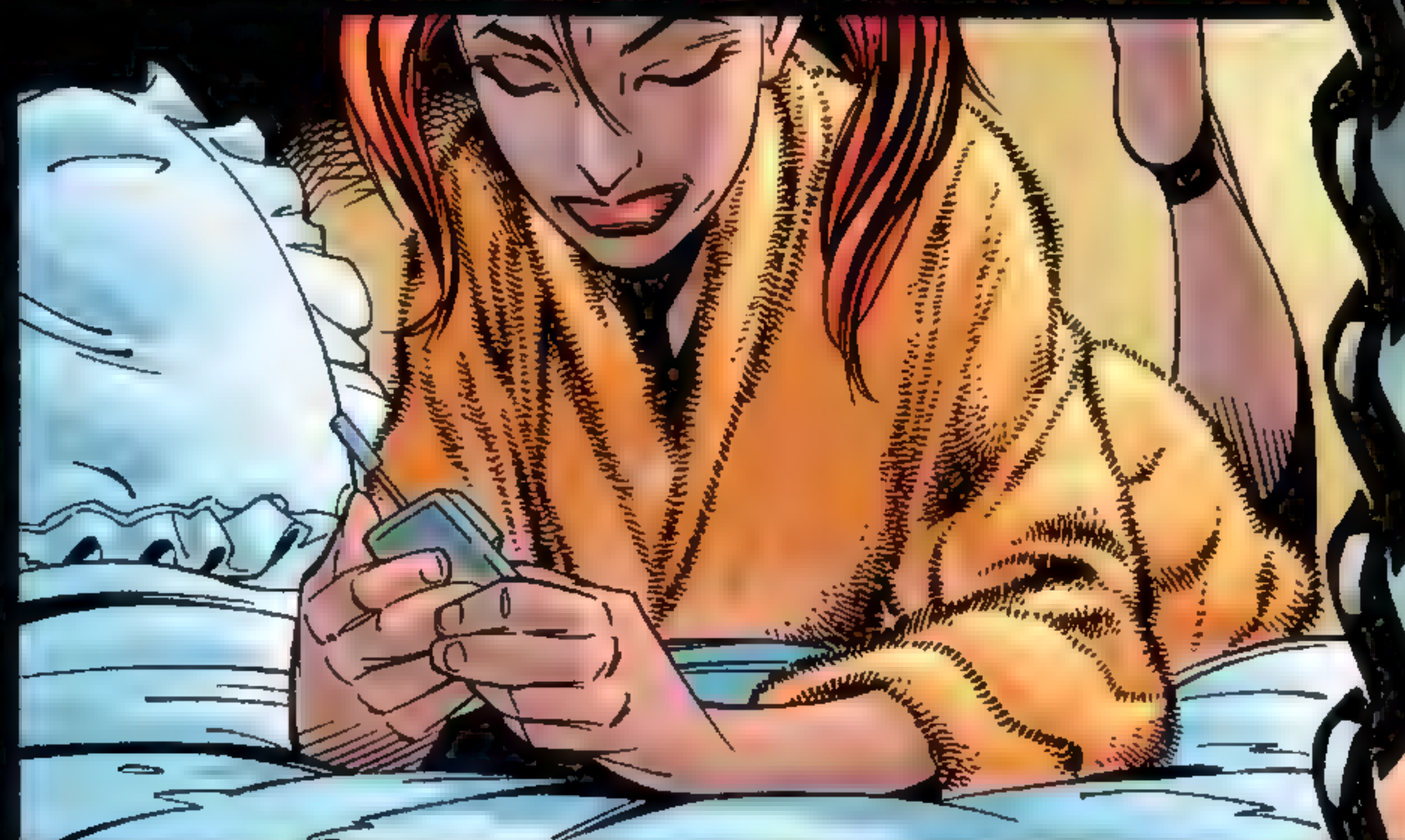
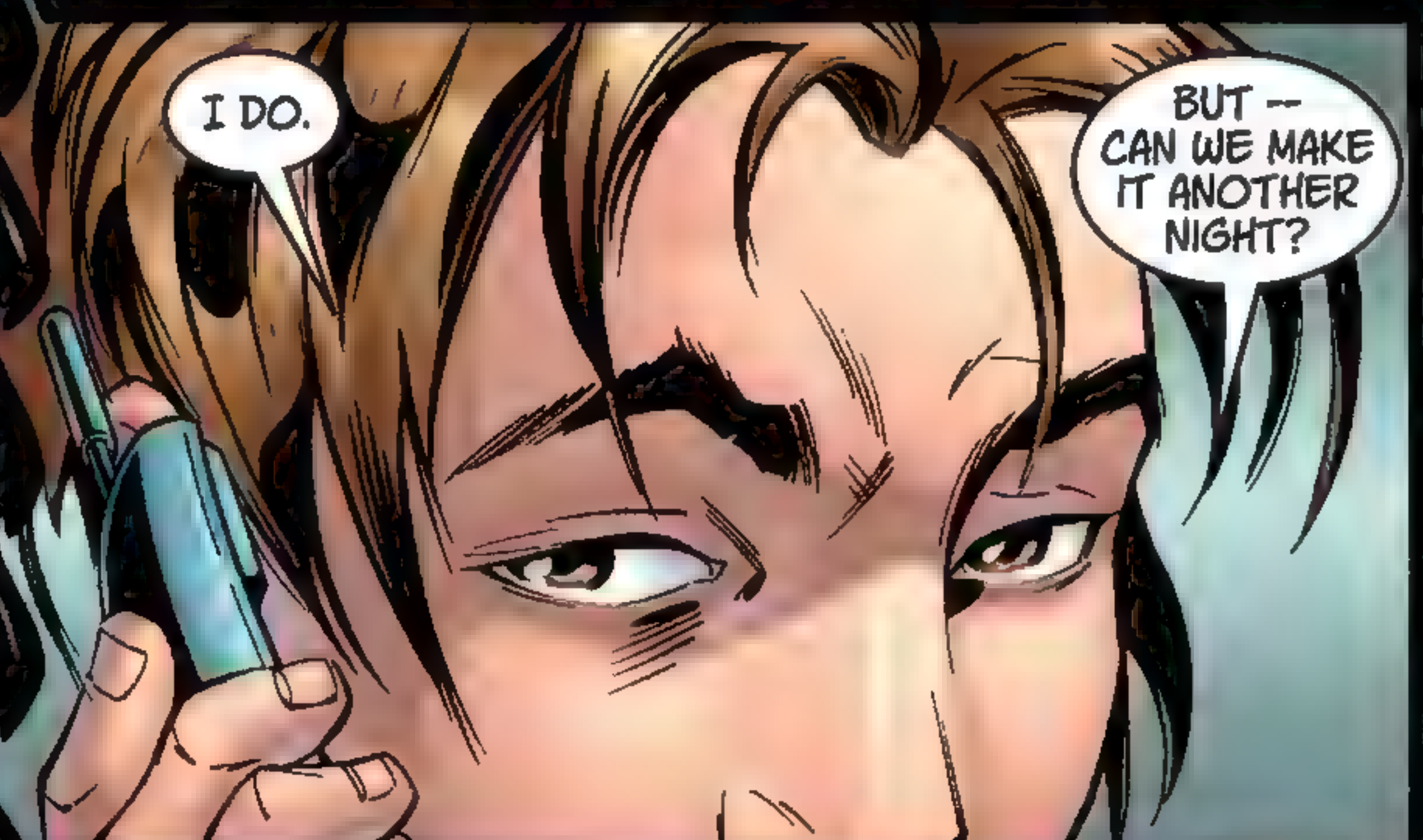
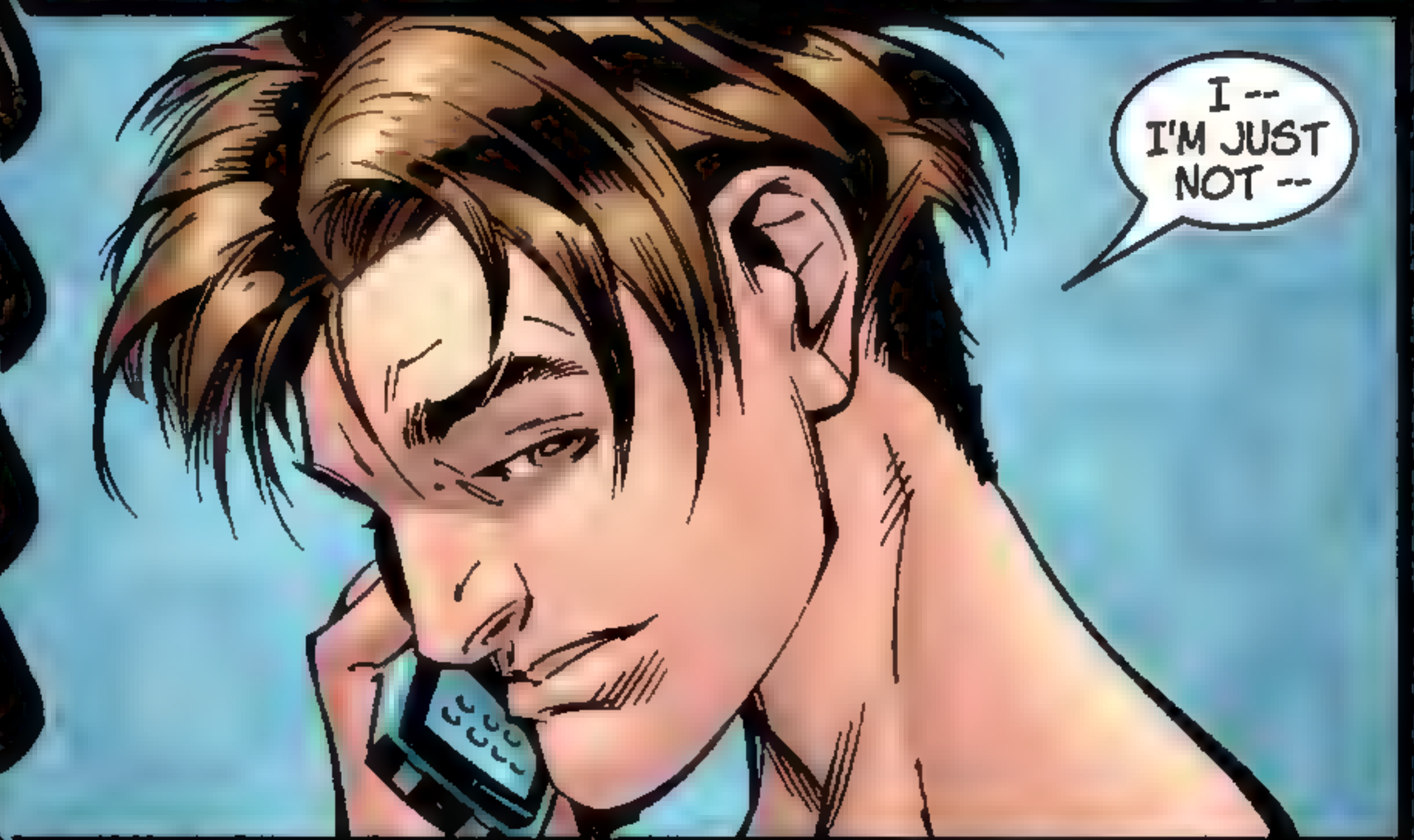
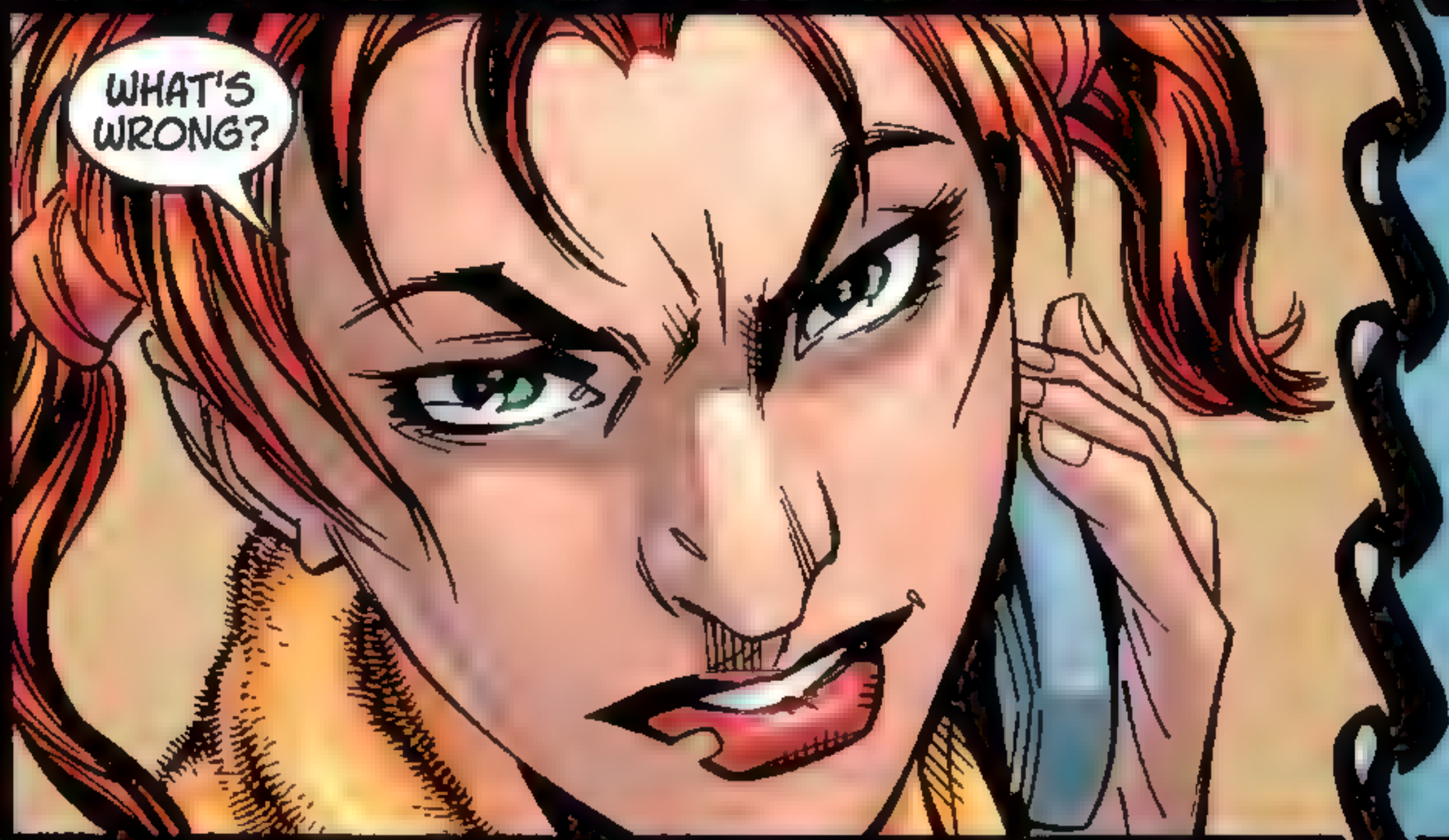
THIS --
THIS ISN'T THE
LIFE EITHER OF
US CHOSE.

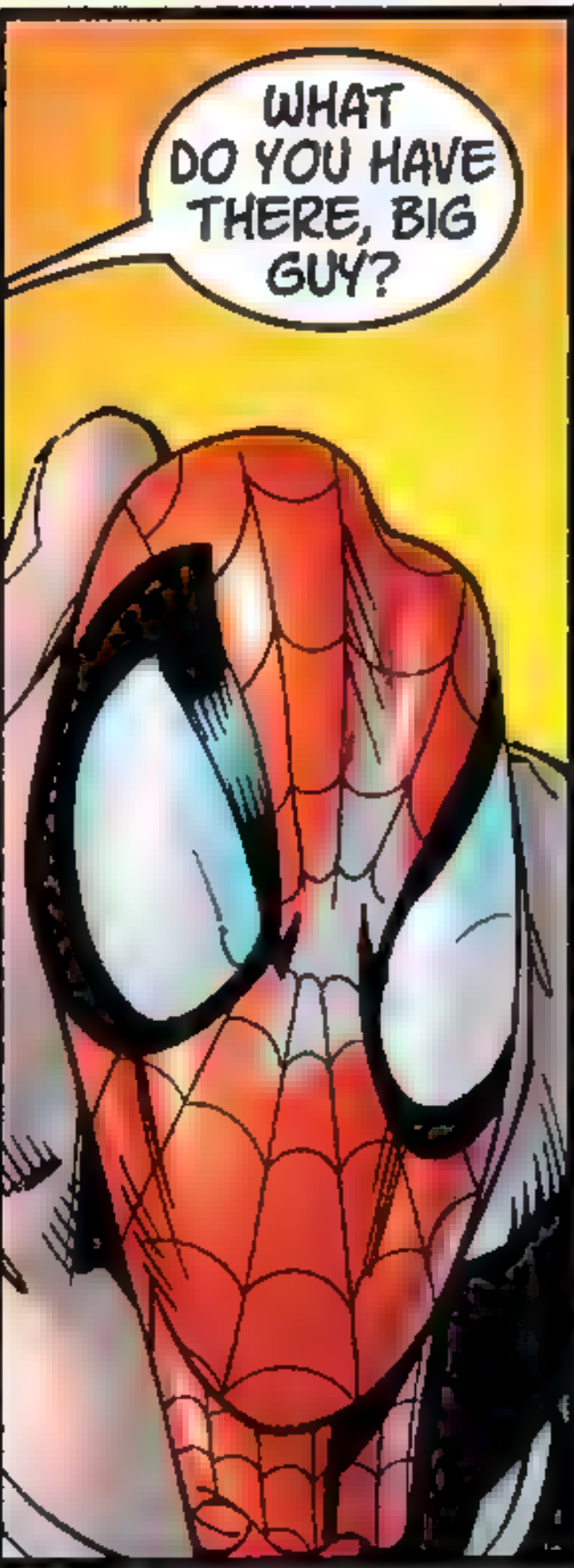
THIS
ISN'T THE LIFE
EITHER OF US
ENVISIONED.

IT'S JUST
THE LIFE WE
SEEM TO FIND
OURSELVES
WITH.









WHAT DO YOU HAVE THERE, BIG GUY?



A SOUVENIR. THIS GENTLEMAN CAME TO SEE ME LAST NIGHT.



HOW ABOUT THAT?

SO WHAT DO YOU THINK IS UP WITH ALL THESE COSTUME CRITTERS POPPIN' UP ALL OVER THE PLACE?

DAN HERE THINKS IT'S A FAD. LIKE WHAT DID YOU SAY? LIKE BREAK-DANCING.

WELL, REGARDLESS, THIS ONE BROKE INTO MY OFFICE AND STARTED A FIGHT WITH ME.

ALMOST RUINED MY DINNER PARTY.



"ALMOST RUINED YOUR DINNER PARTY?"

DO YOU HEAR YOURSELF? YOU SOUND LIKE THAT SCAVOOTZ MARTHA STEWART.



SEEMS TO ME, THAT MAYBE YOU'VE ELEVATED YOURSELF ABOVE ALL US COMMON THUGS. IT'S A WONDER YOU EVEN BOTHER WITH US AT ALL ANY MORE.

WORD IS -- THAT YOU CAN'T BOTHER TO GET YOUR HANDS DIRTY NO MORE.



AHH.
FINALLY!
HE TAKES A
STAND.

I WAS
WONDERING
WHEN AND IF YOU'D
EVER MUSTER THE
GUTS TO DO
IT.

MONTANA,
OX, IF YOU'D BE
SO KIND AS TO HOLD
YOUR UNDERBOSS
STEADY FOR ME,
PLEASE.



TIME TO
PICK A SIDE,
BOYS.



COME
ON, BOSS YOU
UNDERSTAND...

NO.



YOU'RE
RIGHT.

I DO HAVE A RATHER
STRICT POLICY ABOUT
GETTING MY HANDS
DIRTY WITH THE
SORDID NASTINESS
OF THE DAY-TO-
DAY.

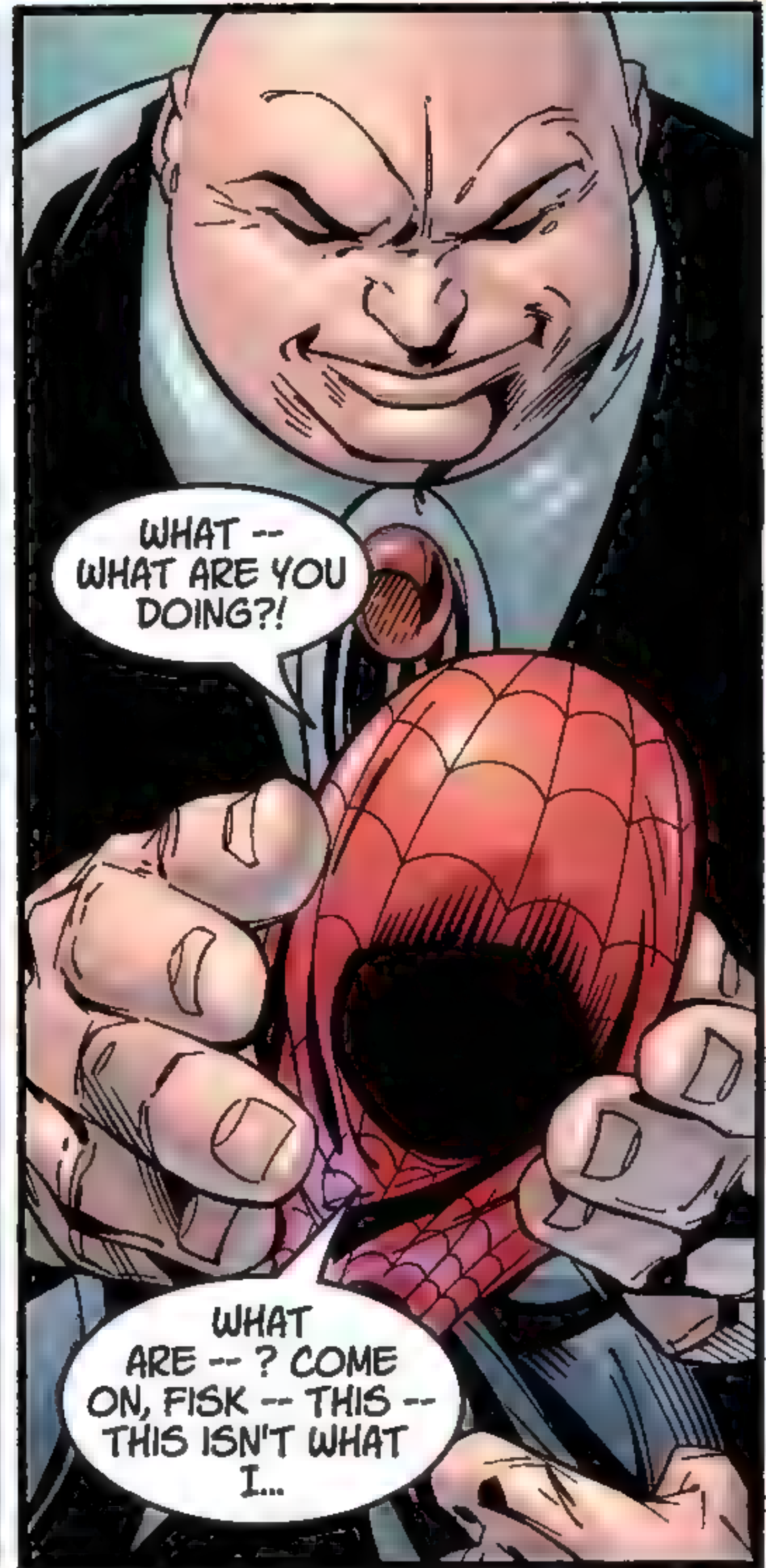
THIS IS
TRUE.

NO!

SO THIS
IS HOW IT IS?!
THIS IS HOW
IT IS?!

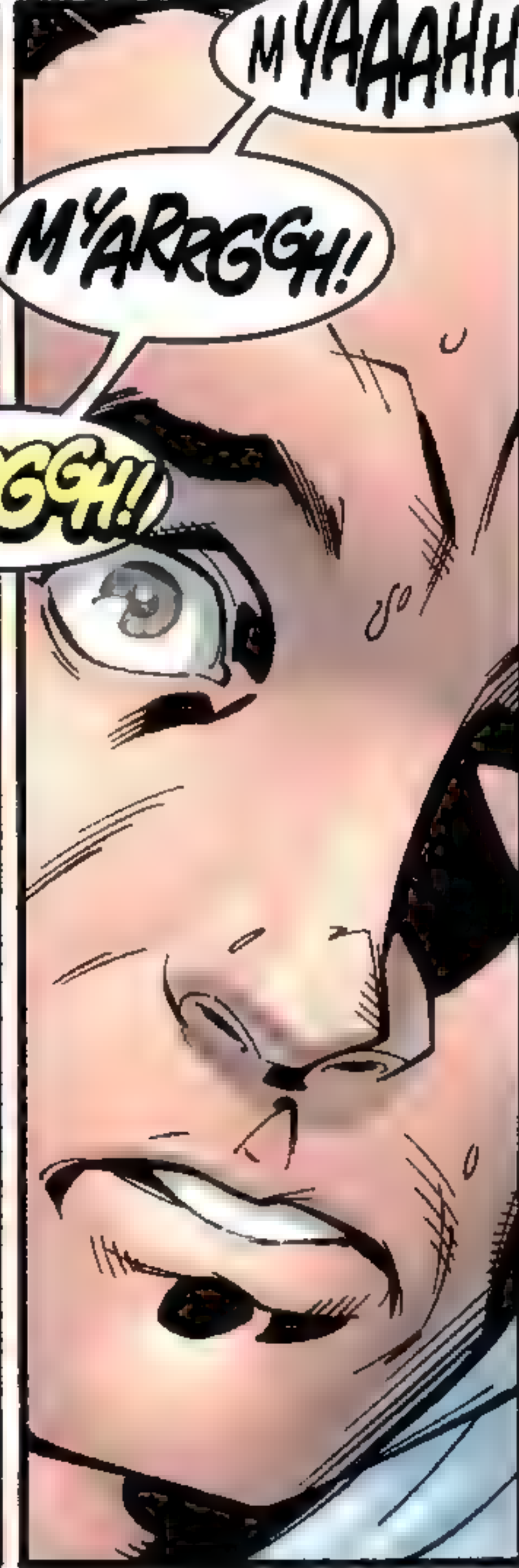
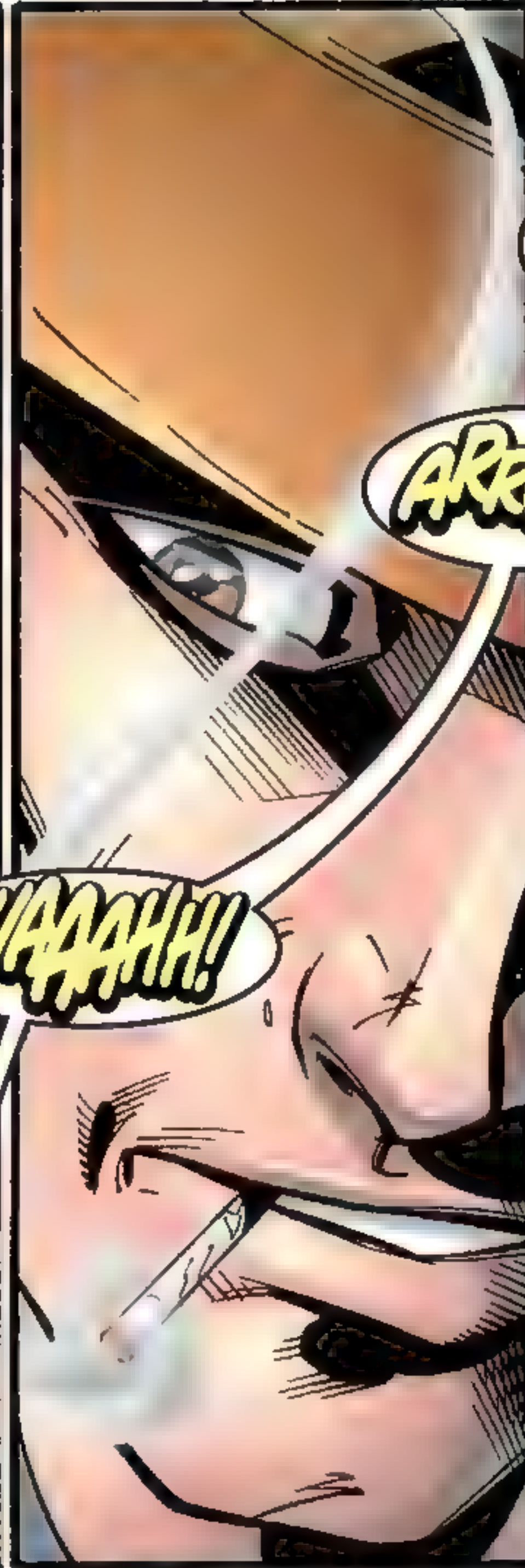
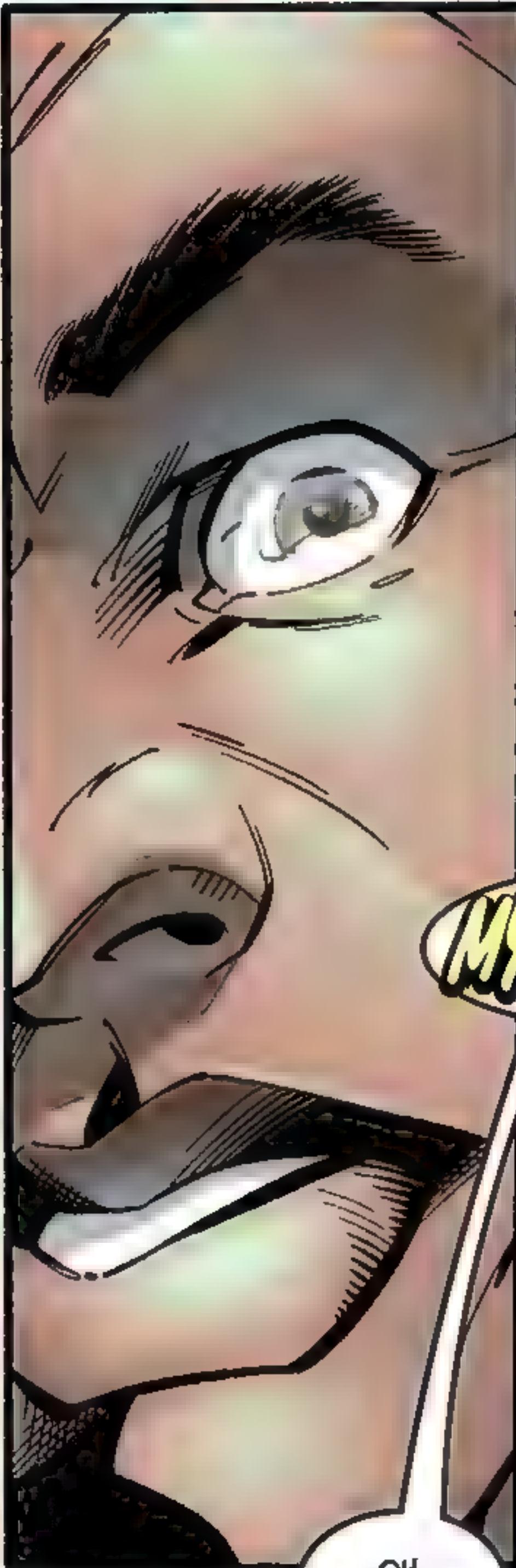
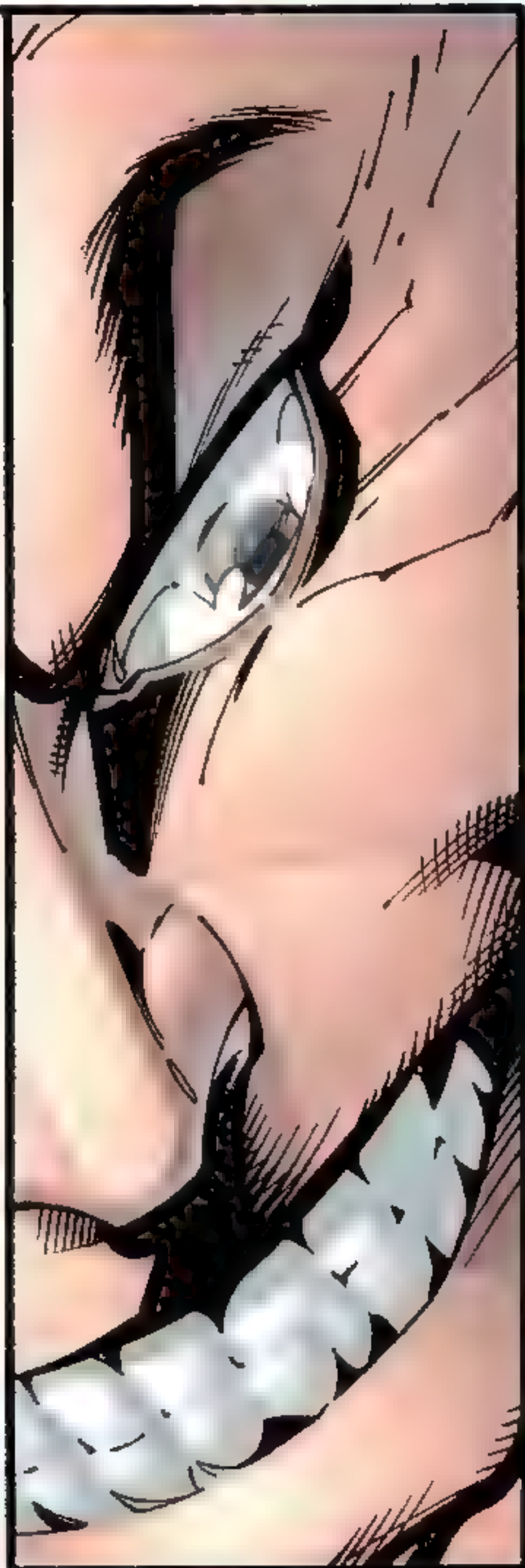
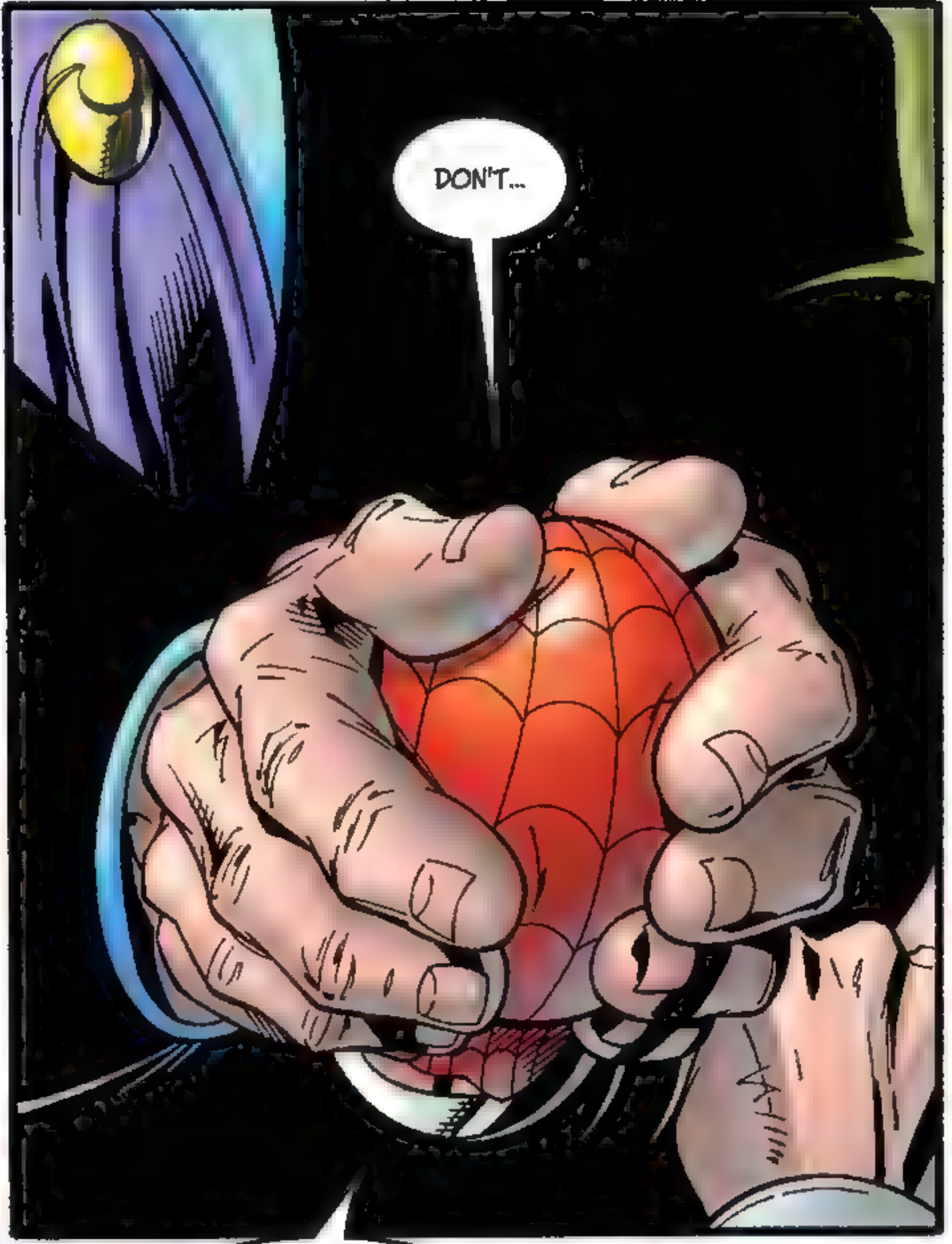


LISTEN TO ME, FISK. I WAS
OFFERING YOU A A-A-A-A
WHAT ARE YOU...?



WHAT --
WHAT ARE YOU
DOING?!

WHAT
ARE -- ? COME
ON, FISK -- THIS --
THIS ISN'T WHAT
I...



SUNDAY MORNING.

"GIVE US A MINUTE AND WE GIVE YOU THE WORLD."

"OUR TOP STORY..."

"OF COURSE, THIS NEWS WOULD BE SHOCKING ENOUGH..."

"...BUT EARLY AND UNCONFIRMED POLICE REPORTS SAY THAT FOSWELL WAS FOUND WITH HIS HEAD VIOLENTLY CRUSHED..."

"ALLEGED ORGANIZED CRIME FIGURE FREDRICK FOSWELL, BETTER KNOWN AMONG ORGANIZED CRIME CIRCLES AS MR. BIG WAS FOUND DEAD FLOATING IN THE EAST RIVER."

...AND WEARING THE MASK OF THE MAN THE MEDIA HAS REFERRED TO AS SPIDER-MAN.

WAS THE BODY DUMPED INTO THE RIVER FROM ANOTHER LOCATION?

AND WHAT IS THE SIGNIFICANCE OF THE MASK?

THESE ARE THE QUESTIONS PLAGUING LAW ENFORCEMENT THIS EARLY MORNING.

WITH THE FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION REPORTING AN ENCOUNTER BETWEEN THIS PERSON KNOWN AS SPIDER-MAN AND THE LATE "MR. BIG" AS LATE AS LAST WEDNESDAY...

...ONE HAS TO WONDER WHAT THIS BIZARRE TURN OF EVENTS MEANS.

OFFICER, IS SPIDER-MAN A SUSPECT IN THIS MURDER?

IF THE CORONER DOES INDEED RULE THIS A HOMICIDE IT WOULD GO WITHOUT SAYING THAT WHOEVER THIS SPIDER-MAN IS -- IS DEFINITELY ON THE SHORT LIST OF SUSPECTS -- YES.

SO, ARE YOU GOING TO...

MA'AM, AT THIS POINT IT IS JUST TOO EARLY TO SAY, EXCUSE ME.

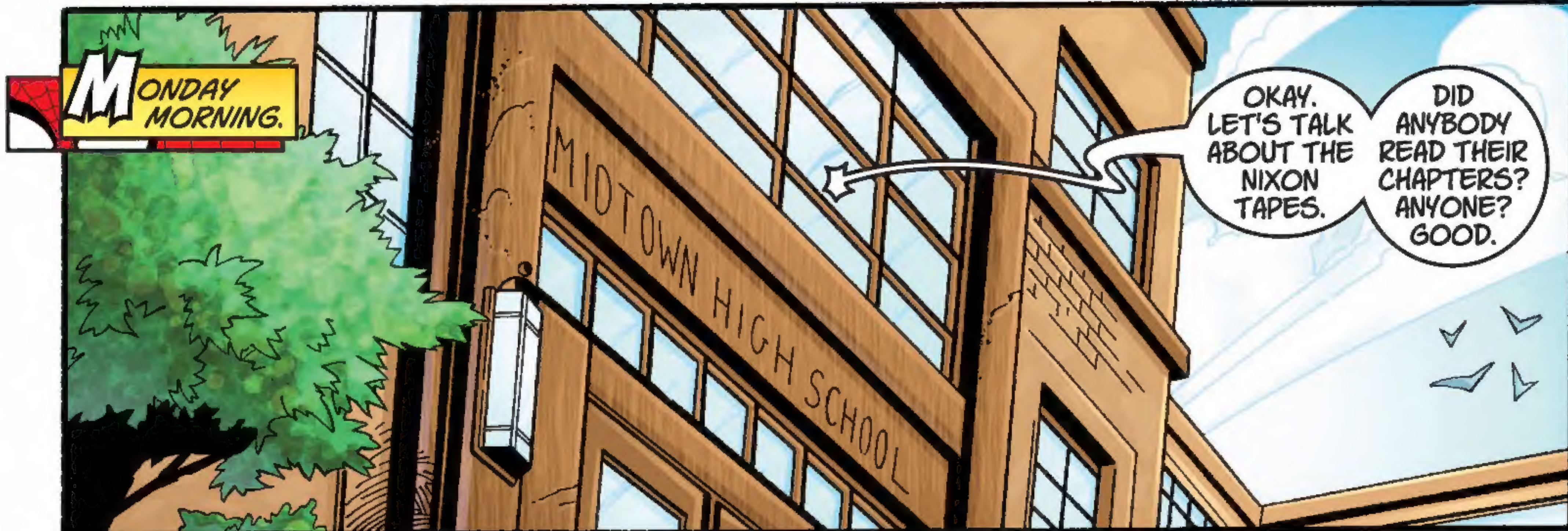
YOU HEARD IT HERE, A DEAD BODY OF A KNOWN ORGANIZED CRIME FIGURE FOUND WEARING A SPIDER-MAN MASK.

A POLICE INVESTIGATION UNDERWAY. STAY TUNED FOR FURTHER DEVELOPMENTS.

NO, I WAS WRONG.

THEM TAKING MY MASK WASN'T THE WORST THING THAT COULD HAPPEN TO A SUPER HERO.

THIS! THIS IS THE WORST THING THAT CAN HAPPEN TO A SUPER-HERO.



MONDAY MORNING.

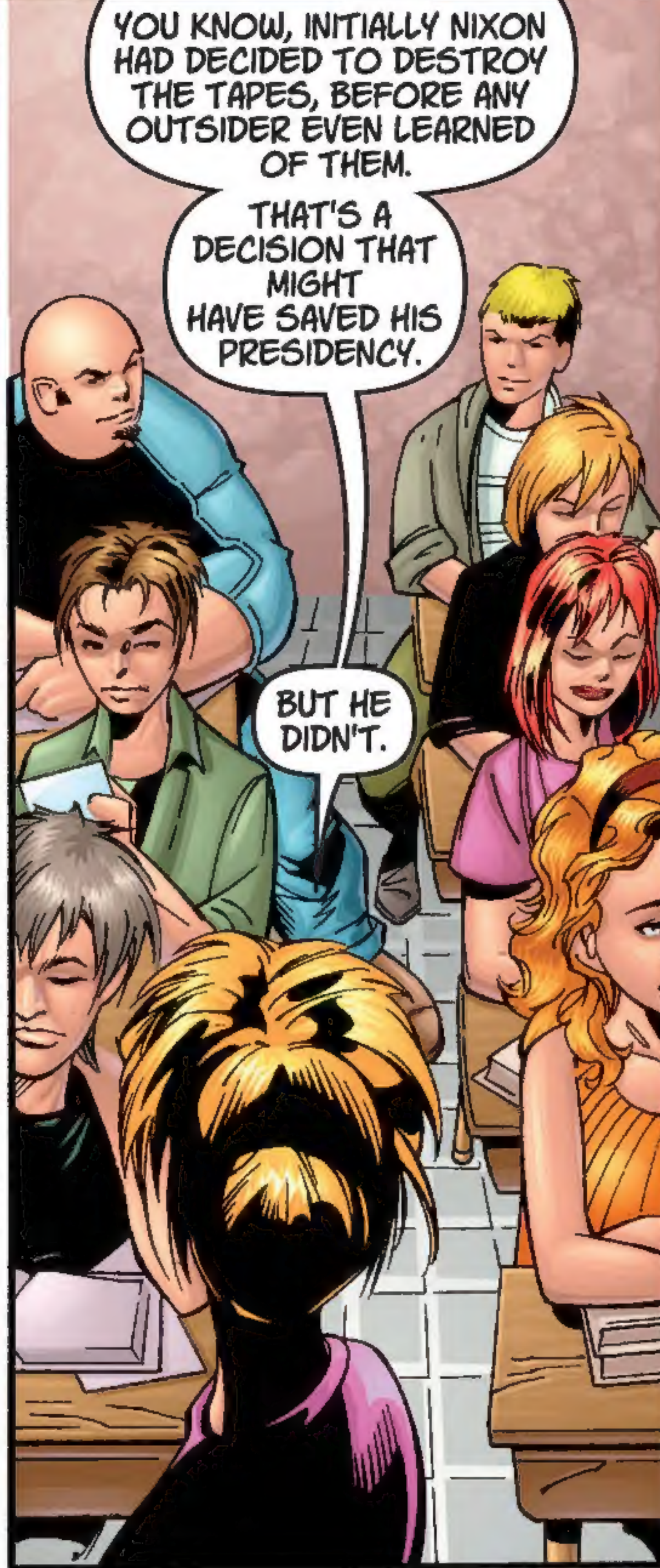
OKAY.
LET'S TALK
ABOUT THE
NIXON
TAPES.

DID
ANYBODY
READ THEIR
CHAPTERS?
ANYONE?
GOOD.



YOU KIDS ARE LUCKY,
BECAUSE MOST OF
THESE TAPES WERE
JUST RELEASED TO
THE PUBLIC OVER
THE PAST FEW
YEARS.

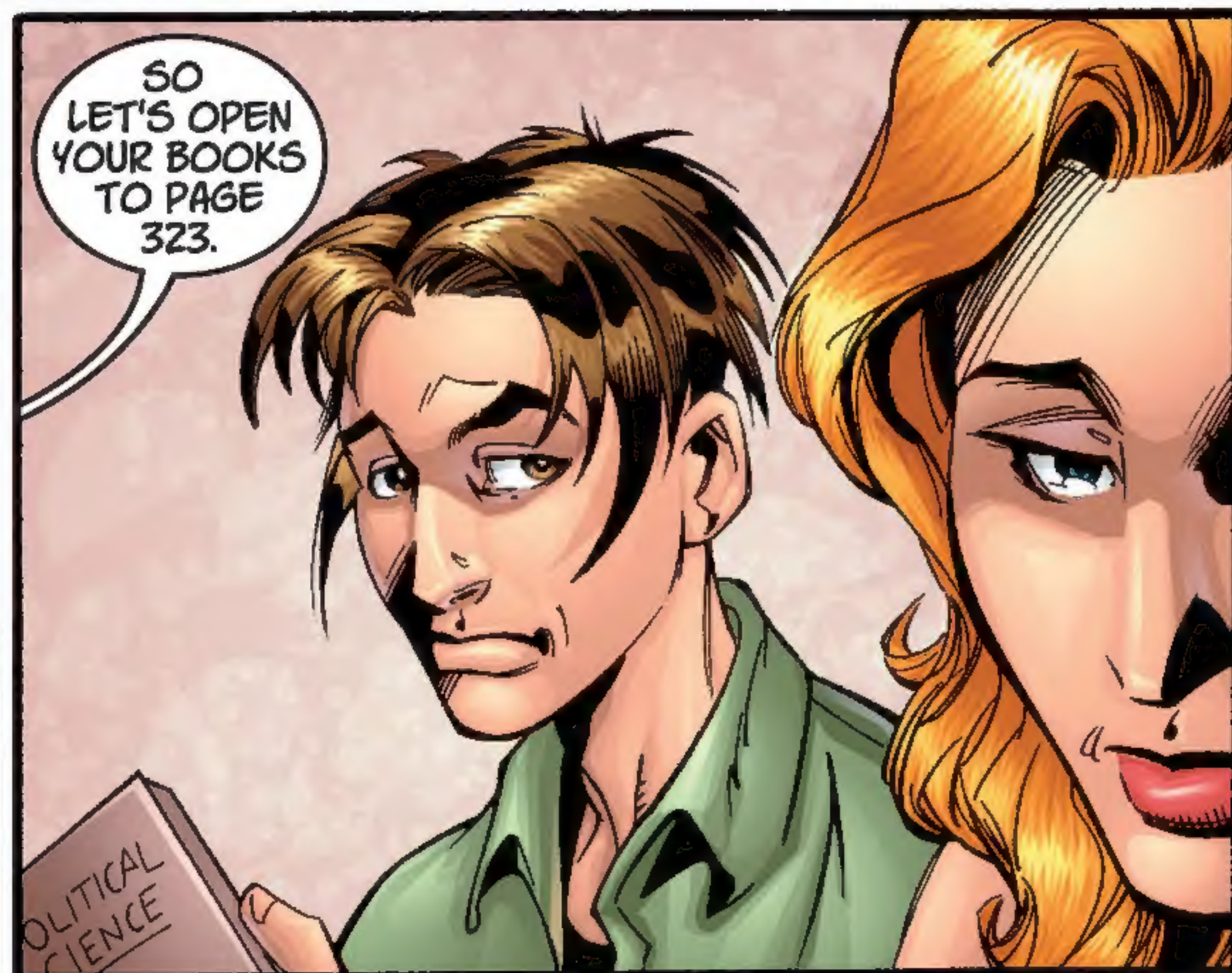
BEFORE
THAT -- MOST OF
THE INFORMATION
WAS ONLY HEARD BY
A HANDFUL OF
PEOPLE.



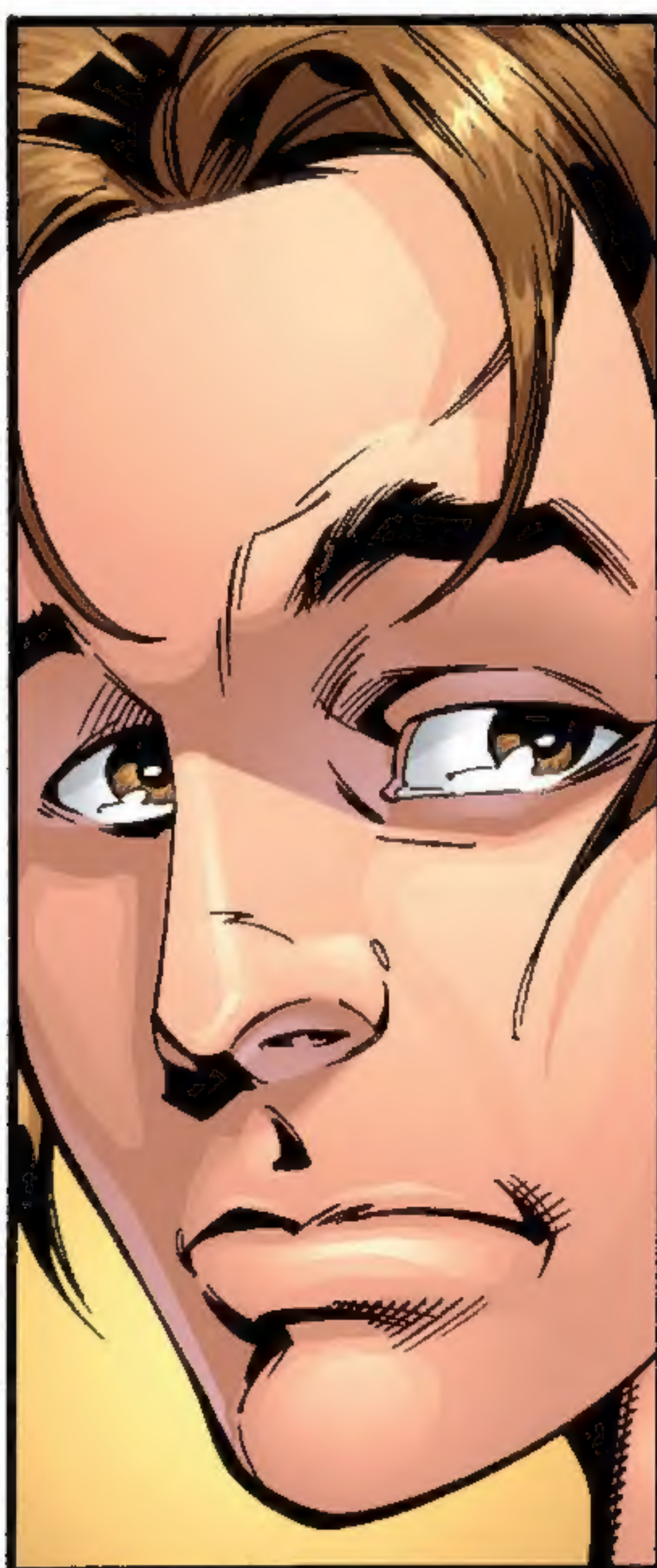
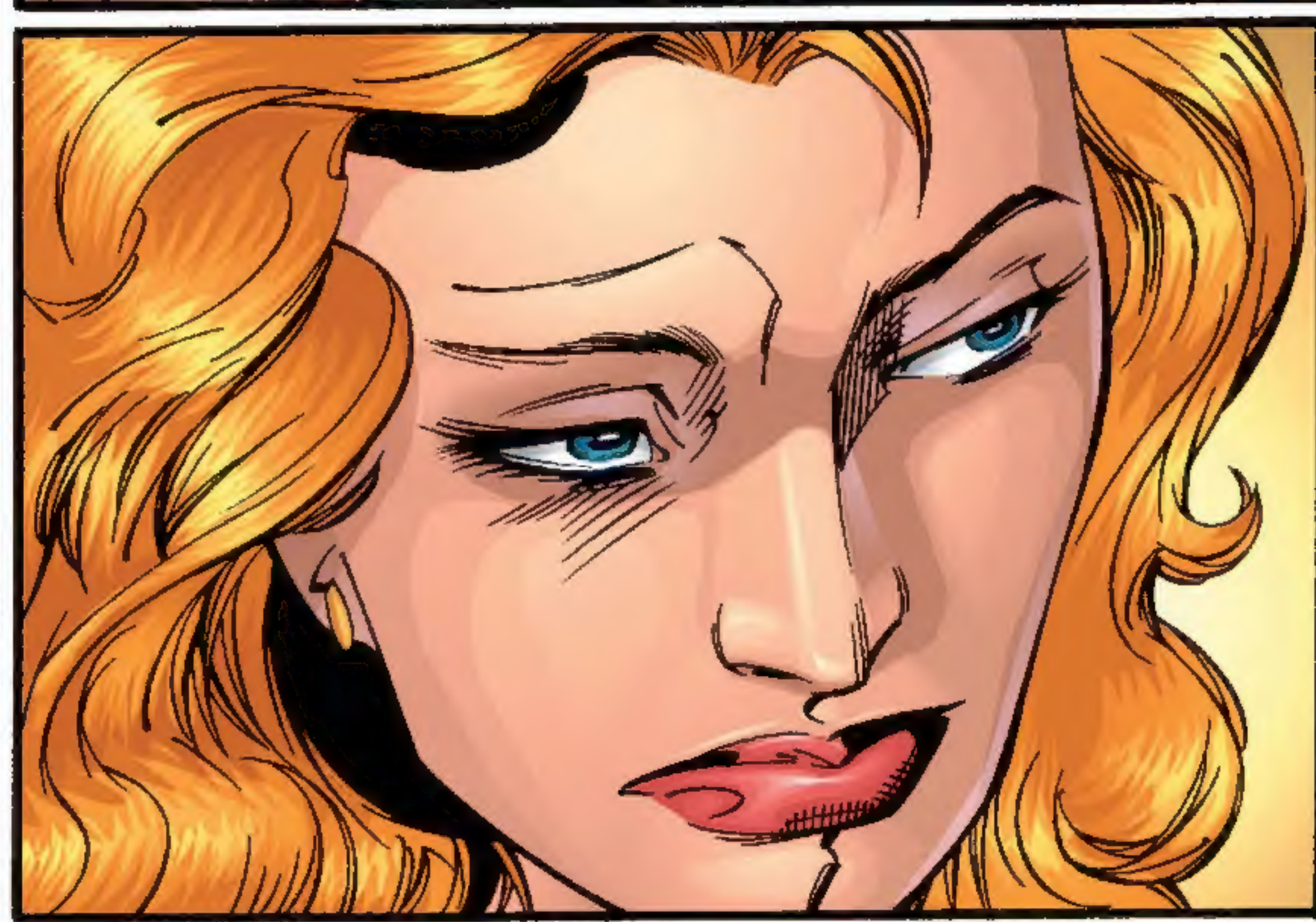
YOU KNOW, INITIALLY NIXON
HAD DECIDED TO DESTROY
THE TAPES, BEFORE ANY
OUTSIDER EVEN LEARNED
OF THEM.

THAT'S A
DECISION THAT
MIGHT
HAVE SAVED HIS
PRESIDENCY.

BUT HE
DIDN'T.



SO
LET'S OPEN
YOUR BOOKS
TO PAGE
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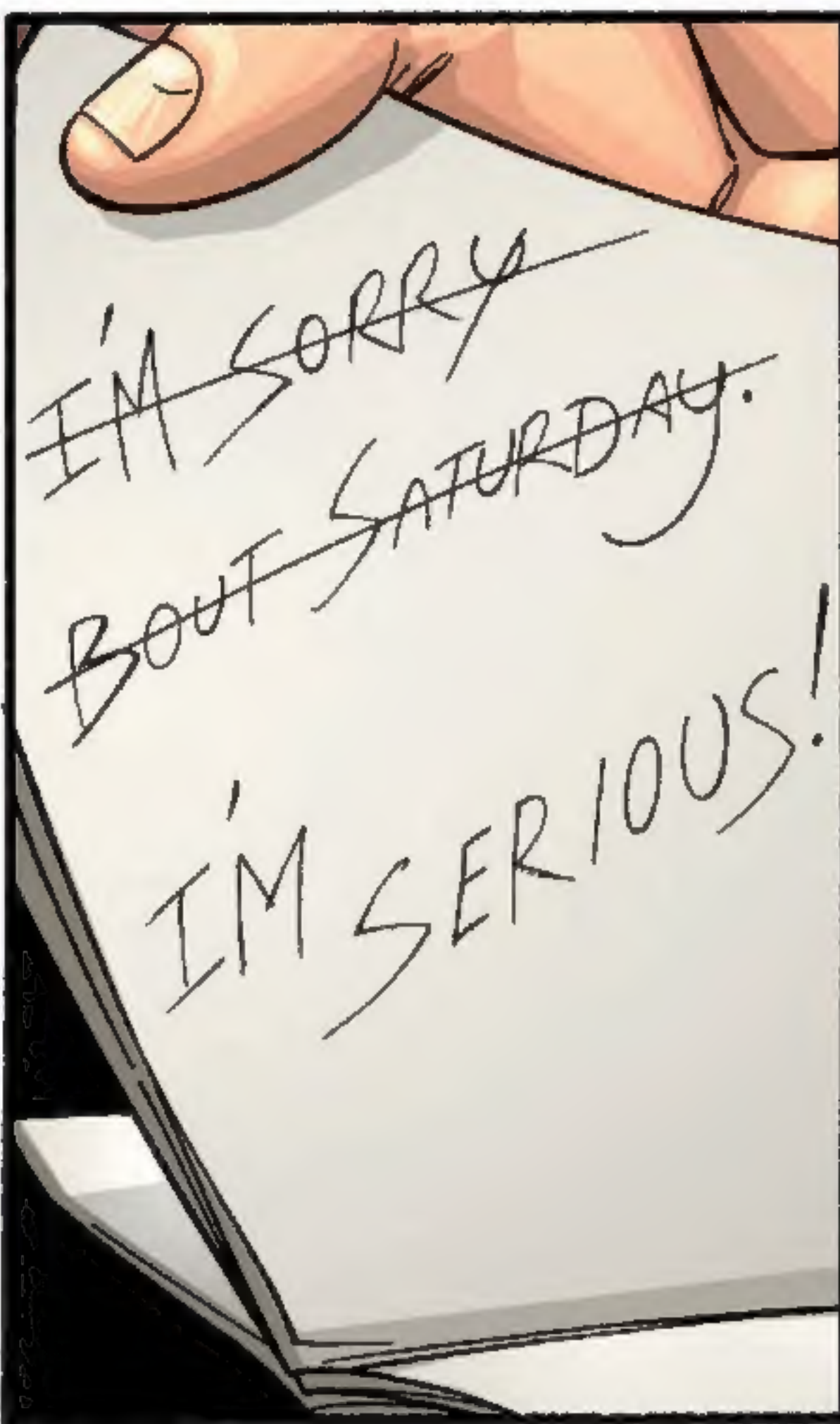
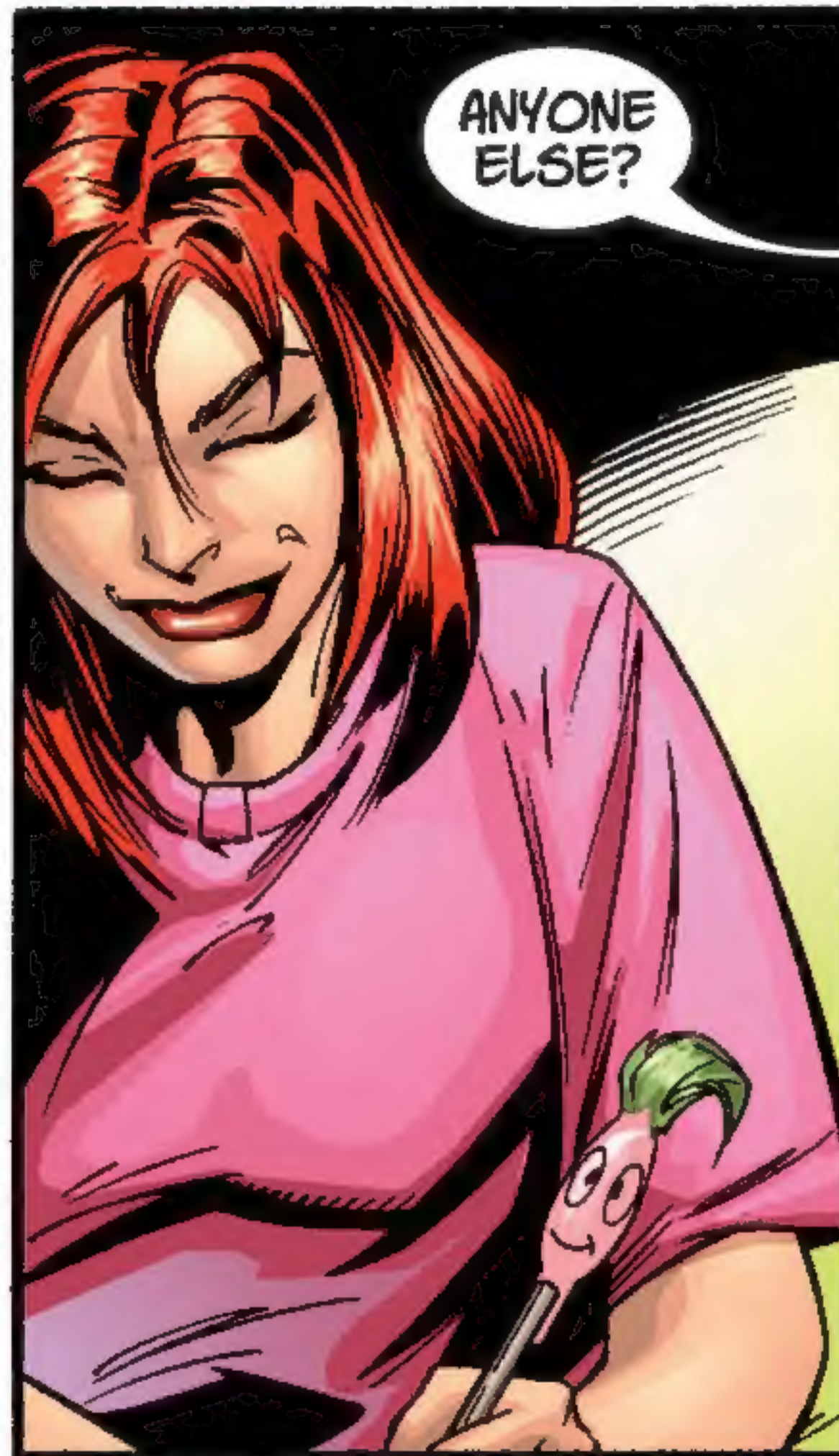
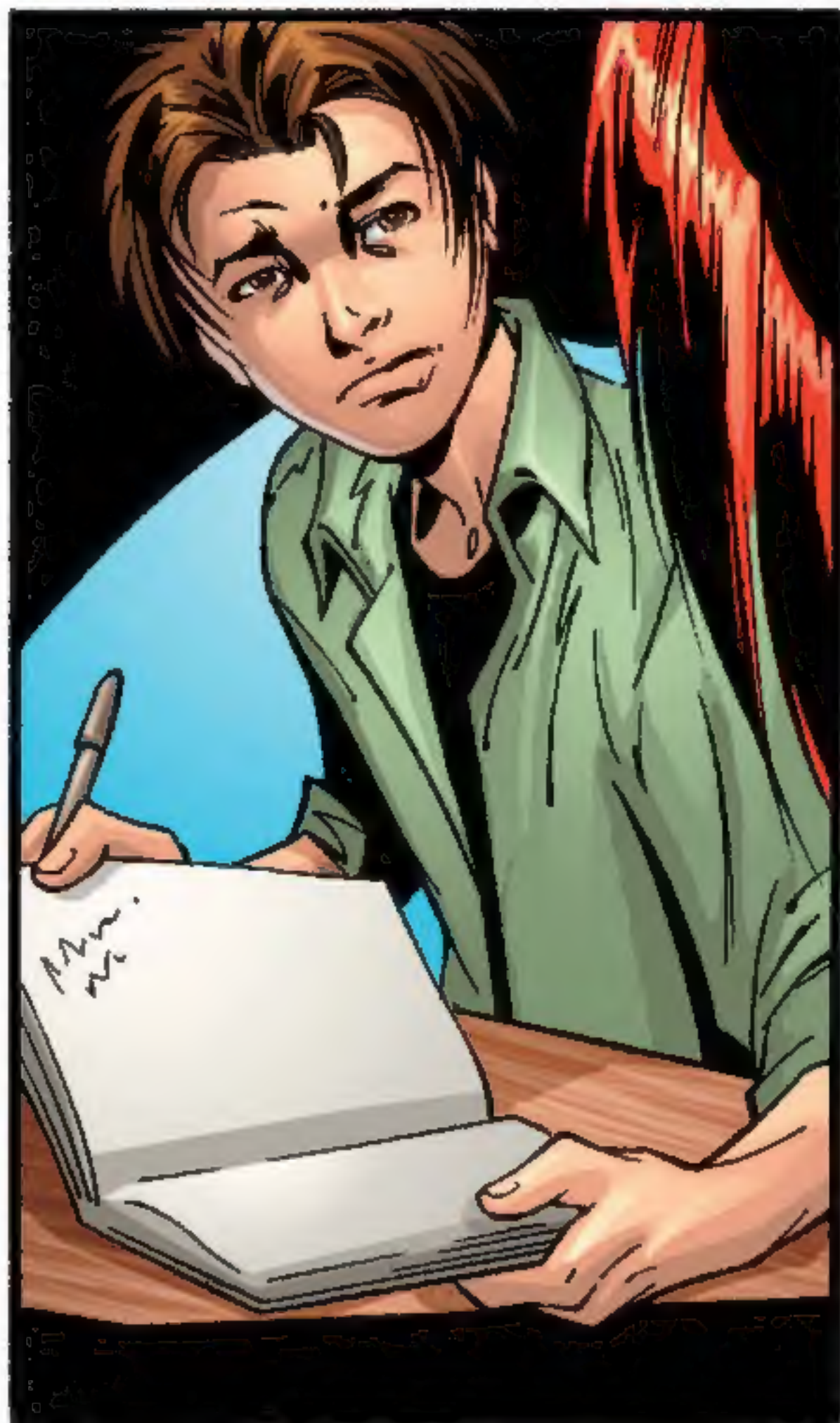
ENOUGH
WITH SPIDER-MAN
ALREADY!

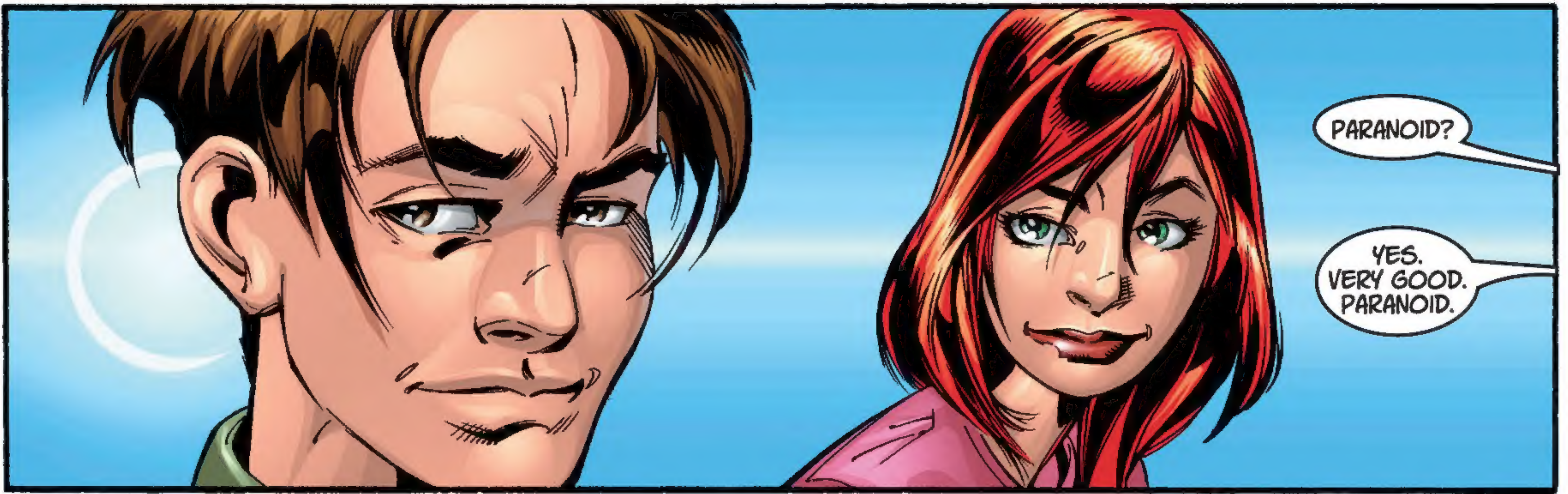
ENOUGH!



SO, WHAT DID WE GET
FROM THE TAPES? HMM?
ANYONE? WHAT DO WE
HEAR?

CAN YOU
DESCRIBE WHAT
FEELINGS YOU GOT
FROM THE PARTS
OF THE TAPES WE
LISTENED TO?
ANYONE?





PARANOID?

YES.
VERY GOOD.
PARANOID.

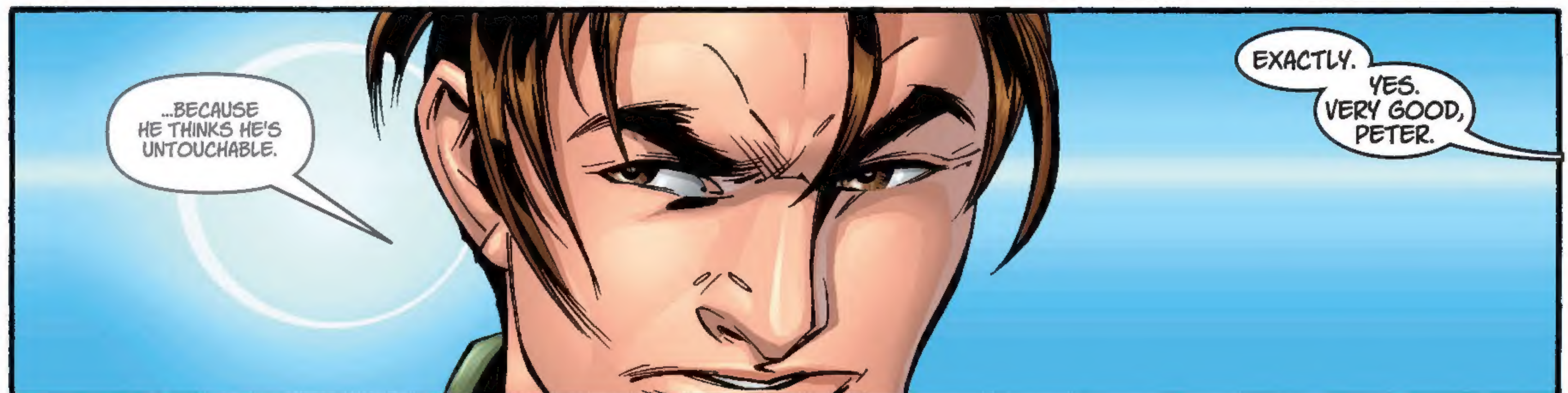


NIXON
WAS A PARANOID
MAN.
NOT
WITHOUT
REASON, OF
COURSE -- THE MAN
CERTAINLY HAD HIS
ENEMIES IN THIS
WORLD.

BUT THERE LIES
THE QUESTION,
DOESN'T IT?

WHY WOULD
A MAN SO PARANOID
ABOUT HIS ENEMIES,
WHO WAS SO INVOLVED
WITH QUESTIONABLE
DIALOGUE AND
ACTIVITY, RECORD
HIS EVERY
MOVE?

ANYONE?



...BECAUSE
HE THINKS HE'S
UNTOUCHABLE.

EXACTLY.
YES.
VERY GOOD,
PETER.



SON OF

VULTURON